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INTRODUCTION.

The present volume of minutes of meetings of the York City Council begins in January, 1569-70, and ends in December, 1578, eventful years in the North of England. The revolt of the Earls, commonly called the Rising in the North, is told in documents in vol. VI. This revolt was soon crushed, its leaders taken and executed, but there remained a great amount of disaffection amongst the rank and file of the rebels. This was difficult to deal with. In March, 1570, the Earl of Sussex, Lord President of the Council in the North, offered, in the Queen's name, a royal pardon to all who would come forward and submit. With a natural reluctance most hung back, preferring to remain hidden and, they hoped, unknown. All through this volume one is conscious of a menace in the background, and the ruling authorities are plainly nervous about what may happen. Commission after Commission is issued to the Council of York, chief men in the Ainsty, and Justices of Peace, urging them to do all they can to find out how things are and to execute strictly the laws for repression of disorder. It was no easy matter. There was a large floating population in the countryside, consisting of tinkers, pedlars, wandering ne'er-do-wells, masterless men, who forgathered at night in country ale houses, and were supposed to be spreading disaffection and disloyalty. All through this volume the menace continues. In 1578 the character of the danger is changing. On 21 September is issued an Order concerning Roman Priests from the Council in the North; it states that they go about disguised as serving men or artificers. At that time the Earl of Huntingdon had become Lord President. He backed the Order be a personal letter to the City Council urging them to be urgent in the matter, saying: "surely there cannot be a worse people in any commonwelth than theis Romyshe, Ronnegate, Reconcylinge Priests, who under the pretence of holyness, seke most wickedlie to steale the hartes of simple people frome their God and their lawfull and undoubted Prynce." There is a continual presence of a menace, real or imaginal, in the background.

Previous volumes of these Records have shown the pitiable conditions of poverty which prevailed in York after the dissolution of the monasteries. The first attempts of the Civic authorities to deal with this was to try to exercise some control over indiscriminate begging by instituting Master Beggars in each of the four wards. They next endeavoured to provide work by setting up schools of spinning and weaving. By this they may have hoped to have gained a twofold advantage, not only providing work for the

poor but also restoring the old cloth manufacture in York. This present volume gives much information about these schools. Some of the cloth produced was judged to be of inferior quality and when it was first offered for sale too high a price was set upon it. In 1572 was the Act of Parliament for the Relief of the Poor. On 29 August, 1572, the Council formally decided to administer the Act and made a muster of all the poor in the City and listed their names and conditions. These musters of the poor were henceforth held periodically. In January, 1572-3, assessments for poor relief were laid on the four wards. Some old hospitals were now reserved for the reception of impotent poor. Those people who had come to York within the last few years were made to leave the City and go back to their former place of residence. In 1576 came the Act for setting up houses of correction, to which were sent the "valiant beggars", the poor who refused to work. It appears that the City Council in 1577 needed urging to fresh efforts as in that year a letter from the Earl of Huntingdon came to the Lord Mayor, in which he said he had been with the Archbishop, talking about the poor people in York, "wherof the number is so great and troublesome to all thois that have cawse to resort hither, as is pitifull to behold, and surely some slaundre to yowe that be the magistrats." The Earl puts many questions in order to find out how the Act is being administered. A great deal of harsh treatment took place; for the least offence the poor were "grevously whipped" at the cart tail. Much detailed information about poor relief will be found in this volume.

The spread of Puritanism in York becomes more marked, encouraged as it was by the Lord President, the Earl of Huntingdon, Archbishop Grindal and Dean Hutton. The City Council in 1572 decided that there should be a performance of the old play of the Lord's Prayer; but first the Master of St. Anthony's hospital was directed to bring the text of the play to the Lord Mayor for correction and amendment. The play, as altered, was performed on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but two of the Aldermen refused to be present. On 30 July of the same year the Archbishop sent for a copy of the play. In June, 1576, it is reported that the play is still in the possession of Grindal. On 8 July it was decided that certain of the Council of the City should go and ask the Archbishop to appoint some learned person to bring the play into line with the present law of the land. Old mummeries were stopped. 21 November, 1572, a letter is received from Archbishop Grindal, Dean Hutton and other members of the Court of High Commission at York demanding that the figures of Yule and Yule's wife should no longer appear at the Sheriffs' riding. People are driven to church to attend divine service and hear sermons. Injunctions by themselves had little result and so in June, 1576, it is ordered that the fine of 1s for non-attendance, which had been enacted by Parliament in the first year of the Queen's reign, should now be demanded. There is

a long list of York persons who refuse to attend church and their reasons.

It is not possible to even summarize the various sides of City life shown us. There is no small smack of jobbery about the use of the money made by sale of cloth during the mayoralty of Allen in 1571 in which several of the Aldermen were implicated. It was the same people who were responsible for the closing of a street which used to run from Peter Lane to Little Shambles. These Aldermen lived in Jubbergate, and their premises backed on to the lane. Interludes are performed in the Guild Hall, bear baiting takes place on Peaseholme Green. The organist of St. Paul's comes to York seeking choir boys. After Allen's mayoralty it is enacted that every year the new Lord Mayor should be given a list of the City Plate, and this list was checked up at the end of the mayoral year. City Plate in these times was taken by each Mayor to his own private house. There is in existence a yearly list of the City Plate from 1572. At the same time the City MSS. were better cared for and those entering on City offices were no longer allowed to take home papers relating to their office as had been the case. The contents of this volume will be found to fully maintain the interest of earlier volumes.

Once again I wish to thank the Town Clerk, Mr. T. C. Benfield, and his staff for their courtesy, interest and willing helpfulness.

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fo. 183b. **St. George's Close**

12 January 12 Elizabeth (1569-70). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

It was aggreed with Oswald Wilkynson, tenaunt of St. Georgs clos that he shall have this latter half yere rent of St. Georgs clos gyven hym and therapon the same Oswald is nowe well content and aggreeth with the sayd presens also to yeld up and leave the sayd clos at the Annunciacon of our Lady next, to dispose otherwyse at their good pleasure ; further he hath promysed to leave therapon standyng suche the pale fens therof as he hath latly sett up there soo that he be payd for the same as shalbe thought reason.

fo. 185b. **Accounts for cloth making. Present to the Earl of Sussex.**

26 January 12 Elizabeth (1569-70). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Certain matters dependyng before the L. Mayour and Aldermen, betwene partie and partie, wer heard and provided accordyng to thorder of the honourable Court.

And nowe the L. Mayour hath exhibited a book of his accompt of such the sale money as he receyved towards the chardgs of cloth makyng and of suche woll and cloth as have ben bought, wrought and made in his tyme[1].

(*fo.* 186). Mem. that in the afternone of the sayd xxvjth day it was aggreed by the Lord Mayour and others, that ther shalbe gyven to the right honorable the Earle of Sussex, L. Lieutenaunt in this North parties, of the Chamber chardgs, as a present, one tonne of gascoigne wyne of the best thar can be gotten ; and in the mean tyme his styward to be advertised herof, to be chosen by Mr. Pacok and Mr. Harbert.

fo. 186b. **Idle poor to be made to work**

31 January 12 Elizabeth (1569-70). *Present*—William Beckwith, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 15 of the xxiv.

[1] Auditors of these accounts were appointed, they are to report to the Council before the day of the Mayoral election.

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Aggreed that for the relief of the very poor of this Citie and settyng of mightie poor and beggars on work the statuts in such cases provyded *anno* xxiiij Hen. viij et *anno* i Ed. vi shalbe putt in dew execution by the constablez; and that certayne discrete inhabitants of every paroch of this Citie shalbe by the discretion of the wardens be appoynted to be assistant to the sayd constablez in the dew execution of their sayd office, as towchyng thorder and condigne punishment of the sayd poor.

And nowe further day is gyven to the auditourz of the sale money and cloth makyng for fynishyng of the sayd accompts unto Saturday come a sevenyght of the xijth of Febr. next.

fo. 187b. **York and Ainsty to provide 100 foot-soldiers.**

Present to Sir Thomas Gargrave.

4 February 12 Elizabeth (1569-70). *Presen* —Richard Calome, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

To our trusty and wel beloved the Mayor and Aldermen of our Citie of York, Sir Oswald Willestrop, Knight, Gabriell Fairfax, Henry Vavasour, John Inglebie, esquires, and to every of theym.

By the Quene.

Trustie and wel beloved we grete youe well; and forasmoche as we mynd by all good meanes to preserve our realme and subjects in quyet, and nowe understandyng that the late Regent of Scotland is cruelly murthered[1] and that realme therby left so lose, that of theym selfs and other our enemyes they may easely enter and annoye our frounters of this our realme if order be not taken in convenient tyme to resyst theym; wherfore, and to prevent suche suddeyn atempts as by thenemyes to us and our realme may be offered, we have thought good to will and commande yowe and by theis presents tauctorise yow and every of yowe, imediatly apon the recept herof, to muster, prepare and put in a redynes in the quietest sorte and lest trouble to our good subjects ye can devise in the Citie of Yorke and Aynstie, one hundreth soldyers, footemen, wherof to be furnyshed with corsletts and pykes xxvij, and calyvers and harquebut and murrions xxvij, and with long bowes and shefs of arrowes xxvj, and bilmen xx, the same to be well chosen and furnyshed, everey man apte to serve with the weapon to hym appoynted; and if ye shall fynde any lack of armour, weapon or gonne the souldiours for their money shall receyve their lackes of our store at Newcastle at the prices here underwritten. We wold ye should have good respect to the choyse of the souldiours that they be apte men and redy to serve us under John Inglebye, esquyer, or suche other capiten as upon any suddeyn shalbe appoynted to

[1] James Stuart, Earl of Moray, commonly called the Regent of Scotland, was assassinated at Linlithgow on 21 January, 1569-70.

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receyve the said men and to marche forward with theym. Fale ye not thaccomplishement herof with the spede ye possibly may, as we specyally trust yowe, and we woll that ye shall with the like spede certifie your doyngs with the names, surnames and dwellyng place of every souldiour, and with what kynde of furnyture he is appoynted to serve and what furnyture every or any of theim do lack, to our right trusty and right welbeloved cosen, therle of Sussex, Lord President of our Counsell in the Northe parties, and in his absens to Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, vice president of our said Counsell, accordyng to the speciale trust we do nowe repose in yowe, and as ye tender the advancement of our service and the good quyet of our realme. Yeven under our signet at our Citie of York the second day of February.

And by his Counsel.

(*fo.* 188).

A corselet and morrion	xxx^{s}
A pyke	ij^{s} iiij^{d}
A caliver with flaxe and torche boxe	xx^{s}
A murrion	vj^{s} viij^{d}
A harquebute and flask	xiij^{s} iiij^{d}
A spere for a light horse	iij^{s}
A black bill	blank
A long bowe	ii^{s} jiiij^{d}
A sheff of arrowes	ij^{s} iiij^{d}

Aggreed that in consideracon of the speciall good will, feythfull counsell an thelp showed at all tymes by the right worshipfull Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, to this Citie and affairs of the same, he the same Sir Thomas shall have in present of the Chamber costs half a tonne of Gascoigne wyne to be had to his place in the Minster garth.

(*fo.* 189-191) Certificate of the Musters for the City of York.

fo. 191b. **The cloth-making business.**

14 February 12 Elizabeth (1569-70). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that iiij payrs o' sherman sheers, shere bords, and other necessaries to be boght and prepared in readynes for dressers of the Citie cloth by sight of the workmen, and alsoo that spynnars shalbe spedely goten as well of the country as Citie to spynne soo that the websters may have sufficient work.

And that Mr. Bekwyth shall lay forth of the Citie money remaining in his hands, bothe for payment of suche wages of spynnars as is presently behynd and for theym that shall spynne, and for the sayd necessaris to be bought, soo that the summe to be disbursed by Mr. Bekwith be not for this tyme above c^{s}.

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fo. 192b. **Cloth-making accounts.**

3 March 12 Elizabeth (1569-70). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Mr. Gregorie Pacok, Mr. Harbert, Mr. Maskew, Mr. Wilkynson and Mr. Grisdale are nowe appoynted to view St. Georgs closse and to take ordre for takyng of sand and mayntayning of fenses, with further advise for Citie most advauntage with all convenient spede and soo to oversee their doyngs in this behalf.

And nowe alsoo Mr. Gregorie Pacoke and others auditorz latly appoynted of the stok and staur of the Citie woll, clothe and workmanship, did exhibit their bokes and doyngs in that behalf ; and therapon Mr. Bekwyth, Alderman, delivered unto My L. Mayour in money whiche was remaining in his hands viz. by James Bekwith Lij^{li}, more in a bagg xiij^{li} xiij^{s} viij^{d}, and a billet of C^{s} delivered to Roger Leigh and a bekour and goblet parcell gilt of Leonard Temple for gage of xl^{s} by hym owyng. And soo is quyet.

fo. 193. **The Bull Inn in Coney Street. Grain coming to York by the river.**

7 March 12 Elizabeth (1569-70). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Thomas Barker, owner of the Bull[1] in Conystreet beyng presently demanded x^{s} dew to the Chamber yerely forth of the sayd hows hath nowe promysed to pay the same accordyngly as ever hyther to hath ben payd by the possessors and owners of the sayd howse before Mychelmas next without further dylay.

Aggreed that no maner of persone, freman or stranger, havyng or bryngyng any maner of grayne to this Citie by water shalbe permytted to take up the same or any part before that he hath a tycket from my Lord Mayour lycensyng hym to take up the same or ells to sell the same at such prices as my Lord Mayour shall assesse.

fo. 193b. **Cloth making. Conveyance of prisoners to London.**

13 March 12 Elizabeth (1569-70). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Roger Leigh shall from tyme to tyme delyver unto the fullers or walkers of the Citie clothes oyle to the same as the sayd Roger shall see nedefull.

Aggreed that John Trew shalbe payd xiiij^{s} for the expenses and chargs of six men and xiij horses at Pontefret for conductyng vj prisonars towards London.

[1] This inn, belonging to the City, has hitherto been confused with the George Inn in Coney Street. It is now known that they were separate and distinct establishments.

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fo. 194. **Charge for Freedom by purchase.**

Post horses.

14 March 12 Elizabeth (1569-70). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that as towchyng enfranchysyng of forynars the Lord Mayour for the tyme beyng shall have authorite to admytte any such forynar into the fredome of this Citie for fyve marks franchis sylver, and by his discrecion to gyve dayes of payment therof, soo allwayes the sayd forynar fynd good suerties for payment of the sayd money accordyngly, any formar aggreement to the contrary notwithstandyng.

And nowe consideryng the great chardges of kepyng of viij post horses of the Chamber costs, it is aggreed that frome hensforth thar shalbe kept onely iiij post horses and the rest be dischardged.

fo. 194b. **Cost of raising the foot-soldiers.**

Punishment of strong beggars.

17 March 12 Elizabeth (1569-70). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that as towchyng the levieng of money within this Citie for taxes settyng forth soldiars in the prynces service and such lyke, assessments shalbe made in every paroch of such howses, stables, orchards, gardyns and closes as well in holdyng or occupation of owten[1] men as of inhabiters within the paroche ratably, as is wont to be assessed, towards payment of the taxe of every such paroche, savyng that from hensforth the inhabiters within every such paroche shall make the sayd owten men assessars with theym of any chardges above sayd ; if any of the sayd owten men shall feele theymselfs greved with owtragiouse assessment then they to complayne theym to the Lord Mayour for the tyme beyng and he therapon to take fynall ordre therin by his good discrecion.

Item for the bettar and punishment of mighty beggars and vacabunds frequentyng this Citie, it is nowe aggreed that straight chardge shalbe gyven by the wardens of every ward within the Citie, in the Queens majestie name, to every the constables that accordyng to thar dewties they doo apprehend and bryng unto Mr. wardens all maner the sayd strong beggars, and other vacabunds found at any tyme within their office, to be punnyshed apon peyne of forfayture for every mighty beggar vj^{s} viij^{d}, and for every other vacabund iij^{s} iiij^{d}, to be levied apon theym accordyng to the statut without any forgyvenes.

[1] "owten men"; men living outside the City.

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fo. 195. **Present for the Recorder.**

21 March 12 Elizabeth (1569-70). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 1 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the ryght worshipful Mr. William Tancred, esquier, Recorder, for his extraordynary paynes and good counsell latly shewed in the Citie affairs shall have therfor in present of the Citie chargs one hoggishead of claret wyne to be delyvered to his use undilaydly.

Petitions for Royal Pardon.

By the L. Lieutenaunt of the North parties.

The L. Lieutenaunt commandeth that all maner of persons of the West Ryding that be appointed to appere this day before his L. and others the Queens majesties Commyssioners, and doe humbly desyre to make their submissyon and to crave the benefit of his majesties gracyouse proclamacon, doe repaire to the great hall of this his majesties Citie of York at one of the clock in the after none of this present day where his L. and the reste of the Commyssioners have appointed, to sue for that purpose.

Dated at York the xxij[d] of March 1569.

T. Sussex.

fo. 195b. **Proclamation by the Earl of Sussex.**

Thomas Erle of Sussex, the Queens majesties Lieutenant generall in the North parts, doeth by this present proclamacon notifie and geve knowlege to all those of the Quenes highnes subjects that have bene offendours in the late rebellion in the North parts, and whiche nowe be at libertie and owte of prison, and whiche have or heretofore have had any lands or tenements of any estate of inherytans of the clere yerely value of fyve pounds or under and not above, that they and every of theym may freely withowte any arrest or disturbans resorte and come before hym and other the Quenes majesties Commissioners to be humble sutors for hir highnes mercy and pardon ; wherfor the said Lord Lieutenaunt and by theis presents doeth appointe all thois of the said persons before mencioned that they and every of theym doo with all spede they can appere before the said Lord Lieutenaunt and other the said Commissioners where they shall understand hir highnes further pleasure ; and further the said Lord Lieutenaunt in hir majesties name doeth straitely charge and commande all thois hir majesties subjects, whoo have not any lands or tenements of any estate of inheritance, and are appointed to receyve hir highnes pardon and mercy by force of hir majesties proclamacon, and have not yet appered before his L. or other Commissioners that they and every of theym doo make their apparans before the said Lord Lieutenaunt and other hir highnes said Commyssioners at the places appoynted

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with all convenient spede there to make their submission to hir majestie; and to every suche further order and direceon as to theym shalbe gyven lest by their necligens and default they doo loose all suche benefitt as they are to receyve by hir majesties said proclamacon.

T. Sussex.

Proclamation about price of meals for soldiers.

Gyve commandement in the Quenes majestie name that no maner of inholder, coke, vitaillar or other person of this Citie do take of any of the Quenes majesties soldiars for their ordynarie meeles above iij^{d} dynar, and iij^{d} supper a pece and not above, and to have to every messe a peny loaf, a gallon ale or beare with iij^{li} of beif, motton or veale rost or sodden, and not take of them betwene meeles above a peny for a quarte of ale or byer, provyded allwayes if any soldiar wold have moor than the said ordynary diet then he to pay therefore as he and his host can aggree; and God save the Queene.

fo. 196. **Oath of Submission.**

The forme of the othe mayd by suche as have mayd their humble submission to the Queenes majesties Commyssionars for their offences in the late rebellion beynge in the northe in November 1569.

First ye shall sweare that ye be heartyly sory that ye have offendyd the Quenes majestie in your lait rebellion and that you do and shall refute and take all othes and promises heretofore maid to any person or persones for and touching the said rebellion to be wyked, unlawfull and of none effecte and also that you have offendyd God and her highnes in takynge of any suche othe or in makynge any promise for that purpose, and that frome hencefourth ye shalbe true and faithfull subjects unto the Quene our soveraigne lady Elizabeth by the grace of God Quene of England, Fraunce and Ireland, defender of the faith etc., and that you shall frome henceforth obey and allow all lawes, ordinaunces and statutes of this realme not beyng repealed, and all the same ye shall agaynst all persones maynteyne and defend to the uttermoste of your power, and shall assist all judges, justices, commissioners, officers and mynysters as well ecclesiasticall as temporall as the Quenes majestie shall appoynt for the deue execucion of any ageynst hir majesties lawes, ordinances, injunctions, statutes or proclamacons.

Item ye shall never hereafter durynge your lyves make any unlawfull assemblies or commocions ne put your selves in any nomber in forceable aray at the commaundement of any person whatsoever he be but onely by the commaundement of the Quenes majestie or of hir lieftenaunt or lieftenaunts officers or mynysters havyng sufficient authoritie of hir majestie to appoynt the same.

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Item ye shall not do or commytt any treasone, murders or felonies, ne knowe any suche to be done by any person whatsoever he be but you shall open and bewray the same to the Quenes majestie, or to suche as have her majesties lawes in admynynstraceon ; and in case there shall happen to be any person or persons which shall utter and declare unto you or any of you previly or openly any seditous matters, or shall write any sedicious letters or move you to any insurrection, army, unlawfull assemblies or speak any sclawnderous wordes of the Quenes majestie or any of hir counsellors, you shall lykewise open and dysclose the same and shall endeavour yourselves to apprehende or cause to be apprehended all suche persones to have them comytted to sure prisons, untill you shall knowe hir majesties pleasure by order of hir counsell or other mynysters. And you shall also swear that you do utterly testifie and declare in your consciences that the Quenes highnes is the onely supryme gouvernour of this realme, and of all other hir highnes dominions and countreyes, as well in all spirituall or ecclesiasticall thynges or causes as temporall ; and that no forraigne prynce, prelate, state or potentate hath or ought to have any jurisdiction, power, superioritie, preemynence or authoritie, eccelesiasticall or spirituall, within this realme, and that you do utterlie renounce and forsake all forrayne jurisdictions, powers, superiorities, aucthorities, and that you will frome hencefoorth beare faith and true allegiance to the Quenes majestie, hir heires and lawfull successours, and to youre powers shall assist and defende all jurisdictions, privileges, preemynences and aucthorities graunted or belongynge to the Quenes highness, hir heires and successoures or unyted and annexed to the ymperiall crowne of this realme, so helpe you God and by the contentes of this boke.

God save the Quene.

Imprinted at London in Powles Church-yerde by Richard Lugge and John Cawood, prynters to the Quenes majestie.

fo. 196b. **Bridge repairs. York clothes priced too high.**

31 March 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that Christopher Walmeslay, fre mason, beyng nowe present, shall forthwith sett appon work apon Owse brige and so apon Fosse brige and Laithrop brydge whear as they do find moost neyd of reparing and to have lyme and stone preparyd by the Chamberleyns with all speyd.

Also whear it is thought that the clothes mayd for this Citie is prasyd to high in value, so that none offeryth to by the same, therfore Mr. Andrewe Trewe, beyng one of the prasers therof, doth offer to take the said clothes alreddy mayd as they are prasyd and to pay for the same at twoo days, that is to say, appon the first day of October next to come and apon the first day of May next

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after followyng, 1571, by evyn porcons, and he to sett good sureties by obligaccon for the payment therof at the days abovesaid and to take suche parteners as he shall thynke good.

Mr. Gregory Paycok offeryth to be partyner with the said Mr. Trewe at the said clothes alreddy mayd and dressyd.

fo. 197b. **Water to be kept in the City moats.**

Post horses for the Scottish Border.

3 April 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that no maner of tenaunts of the owter moates of this Citie shall putt or kepe or suffre to be putt or kept in any of the same moates any iiij footed best or cattell. And the tenaunts therof shall kepe in the water in the sayd moates of lyke and decent breadth as was in old tyme by past.

Item for the moore spedy and bettar service of the Quenes majestie in fyndyng post hors toward helpyng forthward of hir armye agynst the borders of Scotland it is aggreyd that every the honest inhabitaunts of this Citie hereunder named shall fynd or cause to be found, every of theym, one hable hors with bridle and sadle in a readynes as occasion shall requyre[1].

fo. 200. **Laws respecting religious observance and against disturbances of the peace to be carried out strictly.**

17 April 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

To our trustie and wellebeloved the Mayor and Aldermen of our Citie of Yorke.

By the Queene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you well ; and for asmoch as there is sundry good lawes made and established in this our realme, as well for the use of dyvyne service and thadmynystracon of sacraments, as for the represson and reformations of all such evills and inconvenyencs as most comonly troble and break the quyet and good ordre of our lovyng subjects within this realme, whiche by the negligens of you, our justicez of peax, do remayne unexecuted to the perill and troble of the wholl contry, as by the late doyngs and offenses may appere, and the same disorders lyke to contynue and encrease to the great perill of this oure realme and hurte of our lovinge subjects, yf remadie be not provided ; where for considerynge the truste we have reposed in you, we have thought good rather by gentle admonycon then dewe correction to will youe to have better regard hereafter to the due execucon of youre offices accordynge to the trust reposed in yowe ; and therefore

[1] Names follow. 26 in Bootham Ward ; 32 in Walmgate Ward ; 19 in Micklegate Ward ; 23 in Monk Ward.

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have thought good to will and commande youe to looke well, diligentlie hereafter to the charge comyttid unto youe, and especiallie and at this tyme, espiciallie that ye within oure Citie of Yorke and the Countie of the same our Citie with all diligence and carefulnes be duely executed as parcell of your charge the articles herunto anexid, and all other youre charge for the quyet and good order of our good subjects ; and of your doyngs therein ye fale not to certifie oure right trustie and right welbeloved cosen and Counsiloure therle of Sussex, Lord Lieutenaunt of the Northe parts, upon the viijth daie of Maye nowe next ensuynge the dait herof, as ye tender oure pleasure.

Yeaven under our Signet at our Citie of Yorke the xvth day of Aprill.

And by hir Counsell.

(*fo.* 200b.) Furst that frome the day of the Assention of our Lady next ensuynge ye take order that the watche be substaunciallie kepte in every towne, and specallie in or nighe the highe waies, and that they stoppe all persones that shall come suspiciallie and can give no good accompte of theire passags, untill they be examyned by some Justice of peace.

Item that ye take ordre that every person use to goo to service accordyng to the lawe and order thereof prescribed, and that ye by good wache do apprehende and take all suche persones as shall speake any thynge agaynste the booke of common prayer or agaynste the use of service or admynistracon of the Sacramentes and sacramentalls appoynted to be done accordynge to the said booke.

Item that ye see duelie putt in operacon the statuts against the spreadinge, utterynge, speakinge or reportinge of any false tales or rumours, and cause thoffendours to be apprehendyd and brought before youe and be commytted to warde or otherwyse accordynge to the lawe in that case provided.

Item that ye see the statuts and lawes against loyteryng souldiours, valiant beggars, and for relief of the poore be frome hencefourthe duelie executed in all townes and places, and none suffered to goo abrode contrarie to the said statuts, and that ye see the offendoures duelie punyshed rather with severitie accordyng to the said lawes and statutes then with myldnes, whiche hetherto hathe done harme.

Item ye see punyshed accordynge to the lawes all forstallers, regrators, and all other ryotts, forcs and offencs against oure peace.

Item that so moche as in youe is ye be vigelant and circumspect for the full, perfect and due execucon of the premisses as ye woll aunswere to the contrarie and do tender oure service and the common qyuet of oure country and people.

Aftere whiche commission and articles openly redd and considered, it was aggreed that for the more spedy and dew execucon

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of the contents therof, first, that the constablez and iiij or iij of the most substantiall of every paroche within the Cite shalbe called before the wardens of every warde at their ward mote courts next to be holden, and so to be orderly chardged with dew exercise of the said articles, by discreccon of the sayd wardens ; and lykewise the constablez and iiij or iij of the most substantiall of every town in the Aynsty to be commaunded to appere before the sayd commissioners apon Ousebrig on Saturday next, and there to be lykewise chardged with the diligent exercise of the sayd articles accordyngly, and that commandement be gyven theym to see the watch kept.[1]

fo. 203b. **Dismantling the City walls.**

10 May 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the plankes and bordes latly lent to be layd apon the Citie walls for defens and watche in the late rebellion tyme shall be undelaidly restored to the ownars of theyme.

fo. 204b. **Plague Precautions.**

2 June 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Upon declaracon of the sykenesse latly happenyng in Rotheram and nereby in Selby, for safgard of this Citie soo moche as with Godds pleasure may be, it is aggreed that besyds the night watche there shalbe in Walmegate ward iiij, twoo to watch the barr and ij at Castell mylnes for the posternes of Castell yat and St. Georges ; and other ij in Myklyth Ward for watching of Skeldergat posterne; to be appoynted by discriccon of the wardens, and to begyn their watch to morow in the mornyng when the night watch leaveth, and contyneweth unto the evenyng watch to thentent to have speciall regard and vigilanc that noe suspecte persone of Rotheram or Selby resort unto this Citie, but forthwith to staye theym and make the wardens pryvay ther unto. And further warnyng to be gyven from my L. Mayour to the common hostrys, typlyng housez and other blynd innz to beware that none of the sayd infected townes repayre to any of their housez nor that any citizen do travaill therfor unto further order be had.

fo. 205. **Crane house to be repaired. Monk bridge watering place.**

9 June 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 learned in the laws, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

[1] On folios 201, 201b, 202, 202c are given the names of those in the Ainsty who have been chosen to execute the above orders.

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Reparation shalbe made at the Common Crane in doares and yates for the bettar suerty and kepyng of wares there received, by discreccon of the Chamberlains ; and alsoo to enquyre for the old doores, doorbands and yren work of the same.

Whereas Brian Wyther hath latly builded a smythie apon the common ground without Bothome barr, as yet uncovered, yt is now aggreed that he shall occupie the same at the will of the Mayor and Comminaltie, yieldyng therfor iiij^{d} to the Chamber use.

Where alsoo Mr. Criplyng hath latly inclosed the accustomed waterynge place on the high way at thabbay mylns[1] it is aggreed that thofficer and one other shall in quyet manner goo and pull up the same, and soo from tyme to tyme if he make it up agayn.

fo. 207b. **No heavy traffic to cross Ouse Bridge.**

22 June 12 Elizabeth (1570).

Aggreed that from henceforth no maner of bound waynes shalbe suffred to passe over the Ousebrig laden eyther with coal, tymber, mylne stones or such lyke ; and that Thomas Hewet, wax chandler, shall see to the same at all tymes and have for his peynes v^{s} by yere payed hym by the Chamberleyns.

fo. 208b. **A baker is enfranchised.**

10 July 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen. 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

At contemplation of the gentle request of the right worshipfull Mr. Valentyne Browne, esquier, and specially of a lettre from the right honorable therle of Sussex, L. Lieutenaunt general in this North, to the L. Mayor and his worshipful breder addressed ; it was aggreed that John Elliker, servant to the sayd Mr. Browne, shallbe made freman of this City and enfranchised baker, paying for his franches sylver to the Chambre use lxvj^{s} viij^{d}.

fo. 209b. **City cloth matters.**

21 July 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

For the contynewans of cloth makyng within this Citie, it was aggreed that Roger Loe, with one of the Chamberlains, to be appoynted by the Lord Mayor shall of the Citie chardgs ryde into Lycolnshyre there and with thadvise of Mr. Grisdale and otherz aquaynted there, bargayne for iij^{c} or iiij^{c} stone of woll and to have xl^{li} delyvered theym for part of payment therfor.

[1] The Abbey Mills are those which formerly belonged to St. Mary's Abbey. They were on the Foss, about 150 yards above Monk Bridge.

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And nowe Mr. Harbart, Mr. Graves, Aldermen, Mr. Robynson and Mr. Trewe are by wholl assent of the worshipfull assemble viz. iiij, iij or ij of theym with the Lord Mayour, appoynted to make sale of the Citie clothes allredy made, to suche honest persones as will gyve most therfor for redy money or good suertie by their good discreccon.

And that warnyng shalbe by assignement of the sayd sellers gyven undylayedly wher, whan and before whome the sayd mart shall from tyme to tyme be made to thentent that suche as will buye may have knowlege therof.

Item that the sale money yet owyng be with all diligens called for. And such debtors therof as doo not make undylayedly payment to be earnestly sewed by theym that they are bound too.

And it is nowe thought expedient from this present day the post hors to be dischardged unto moare urgent cause otherwise requireth.

fo. 209b. **Sermons in the Minster. Unfair assessment alleged.**

18 August 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 of the xxiv.

Agreed that commandement shall be furthwith gyven in my Lord Mayour name to the constables of every paroch of this Citie to warne every howseholder within there chardge to cause twoo of every their howshold at the least to come to sermons in York Mynstar on Sondays and holydayes.

Wheras the late assessement within Clementhrop towards chardgs of the Quenes Majesties service was not made indifferently accordyng to the just rate of every mans tenements and grounds within the sayd paroche, wherapon moch troble and fawt hath rysen in levienge the same, and moare is herafter lyke to growe if such inconvenyens be not forseen ; it is nowe therfor aggreed by the sayd worshipfull persons with consent as well of certayne the honest parochians of Bisshophill thelder, as of Ed. Dobson, freman of Clementhrop etc., that Mr. Gresdale, Mr. Trew, Laurens Grene and the sayd Ed. Dobson, as men taken to be upright and to knowe what every man holdeth within Clementhrop aforsayd, shall within this sevenight next comyng goe view and consider apon the same ; and therapon by their good discrecon to assesse every of the tenaunts, firmars and occupiers of any tenements or grounde there accordyng to suche quantitie and value as the sayd tenaunts or ground be of by estymation of the sayd sessors, and the sayd assessement soo made and extreated to be gathred accordyngly for satisfieng and payment of the sayd late chardgs ; provyded all wayes that if the sayd assessors chanse to disagree in the sayd

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taxing than the Lord Mayour as impar[1] to sett fynal ordre therin. And it is alsoo further aggreed that as well for taxes as other chardgs of the prynces service herafter, assessement of the late paroche of Clementhrop aforsayd shalbe from tyme to tyme justly made and taxed, rate and ratelyke after the sayd assessement for ever more by twoo of thenhabitants of Clementhorp aforsayd if there be soo many and other twoo owten[2] men tenaunts of any ground there and soo to be gathred from tyme to tyme etc.[3]

On *fo.* 210 is given a list of Clementhorp taxpayers and the amounts under the new assessment.

fo. 210b. **Bailiffs for the Ainsty. Sheriff's Court Records.**

Joiners' ordinance.

1 September 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

For the bettar presarvation and maynteynance of the rights and liberties of this Citie within the wapentake of the Aynsty, it is thought necessary and alsoo aggreed that accordyng to an ordynance made and confirmed in the mayoraltie of Mr. Golthrop there shalbe twoo standing bailiffs of the Aynstie to contynew in there office upon there good behaviour soo long as they are hable to exercise the same ; and nowe by the wholle consent of this worshipful presens Laurens Grene is named and appoynted to be and contynew one of the sayd twoo bailiffs accordyngly and thother to be lykewise chosen as shall be thought, mete.

This order to be opened to the Comon Consell for their assent to be had to the same at some certayne day to be lymyted within this hows by discrecon of the Lord Mayour. And nowe the sayd Laurens Grene called before the sayd worshipfulls did thankfully accept and take apon hym the sayd office and hath nowe presently gyven to this presens all suche books belongyng to the Sherifs office as cost hym xx nobles, and therwith hath promysed to bryng in all the sayd books and other records to the Common Chambre ther to be safly kept to the Citie use whan soo ever the L. Mayor shall please.

(*fo.* 212). At the humble peticyon of the goodmen of thart or occupation of joyners of this Citie this article or provision ensewinge was by consent of the sayd worshipfull added to the ordynances to be at all tymes herafter observed for ever. viz.—Provided allwayes that from hensforth it shall be leefull for twoo of the serchors, beyng joynars, to make serch of all maner of such

1 Impar. The word here must mean "impartial". In N.E.D. impar is given as meaning "uneven".

2 "owten men tenaunts" ; tenants not living in Clementhorpe.

3 On *fo.* 210 is given a list of Clementhorpe taxpayers and the amounts under the new assessment.

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work and stuff onely as any of the sayd art or occupation of joynars or carvers shall work of their owne stuff for any maner of person or persones (whether they be requyred or not) ; and if in their sayd serch they doo fynd any the sayd stuff dowptfull or the work therof not workmanly wrought, than the maister worker therof apon dew presentment by the sayd twoo serchars to forfayte for every suche defalt vj^{s} viij^{d}. And that none of the sayd joynars soo offendyng shall lett or withstand theym in their sayd serche apon lyke peyne.

fo. 212b. **Keeping of the Records. Fishgarths.**

Precautions against Plague.

7 September 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that convenyent howses shall be severally made with lokks and keyes in some mete place of the howsez of the chapell of the Ouse brig by discreccon of the Lord Mayour, that is to say, for kepyng of the records of the Sherefs courts, and one for thold records now in Mr. Grenes hands, and thother for suche new records as Mr. Birkby hath ; he to have thone key and Laurens Grene thother key.

Aggreed also that the vycars of the Bedriddyn for thys tyme shall be payd x^{s}, sometyme goyng furth of the Bull in Coney Street and now paide by composicon.

And nowe it is aggreed that for the more suertie and certayne knowlege of the names of the tenaunts and occupiars of the fysshgarths sett within the watris of Ouse ; Laurens Robynson, merchant, William Chambres, keelyman, and Henry Palfryman, shall with convenyent spede ride to every township wher any the sayd fysshgarth doo stand and gett perfecte understandyng of the certayne names and surnames of the tenaunts or occupiars of the same and of the place wher they dwell, and of what occupacon they be of, with the names alsoo of the lords or ownars etc.

Aggreed that warnyng shalbe forthwith gyven to the caryars and other lyke persones to stay their repayr to London or other infected placez or to bryng from thens any stuffs and warez . . . to this Citie unto it be further ordred.

fo. 213. **Fishgarths.**

19 September 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

For the spedy reformaccon and amendment of the fysshgarthes in Ouse, it was nowe aggreed that the occupiars of the fysshgarthes latly found to be faultie shall by discreccon of my L. Mayor and certayne of his Brederen to hym to be called eyther be bound by

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obligaccon for pullyng up and takyng away undylayedly the sayd nusancs, or ells to be certified emongs others into thexchekre.

Testimonial of Age.

10 October 12 Elizabeth (1570).

Isabel Hosyer of the Citie of York, wyddo, came personally before Richard Calome, Lorde Mayor of the said Citie, in the Counsell Chambre of the said Citie the day and yere above wrytten, and dyd then and there apon her corporall othe testefye and declare that Mawd Northe, doghter of Rychard Northe of the same Citie, marchant, was of the full ayge of xxiij yeres abowte Lammes last past for that she saith that she the said Isabel was at her byrth and at her crystenyng in the cherche of Allhallos appon the Payment within the said Citie.

fo. 214b. **Claim for outlaws' goods.**

19 October 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

A certayne gent in name of Sir Thomas Benger, knight, whoo was here the last yere, nowe eftsoones by colour of the Queenes majesties lettres patents, clayme the goods and cattalls of utlawes within this Citie ; and offering apon the sight of our chartre and his commission togither by twoo learned men, one for us and an other for hym, frendly to abide their jugement and order therin ; it is therfore aggreed that a lettre shalbe furthwyth made to Mr. Recorder for his good advice, and whyther he fyndeth good for us to aggree to that offer or not, and if he doo than to know what tyme he may be here for that purpose.

fo. 214b. **Locking the Bars and Posterns.**

31 October 12 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the common officers of the iiij wardes shall nightly cause the barres and posternes to be lokked at ix of the clok and soo kepe lokked unto iiij of the clock in the mornyng.

fo. 216. **The Watch at Bootham Bar.**

17 November 13 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that John Barker, a common beggar, beyng nowe in pryson for his mysdemenour agaynst my Lord Mayour and Aldermen, shall be used as a vacabund and valyant beggar,

It is also agreyd that Mr. Harbart and Mr. Dynelay, Aldermen, at suche tyme as they shall seme best shall go and enter in to the barr callyd Bowthome barr, and the chambres over the same, for

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the Maior and Commonaltie for the watche and other defence for the Citie to be hadd in the same, whiche as Rychard Aynslay nowe occupyeth, and to dischardge hyme therof and what as they shall further do therein to be alowyd and borne by this howse.

fo. 216b. **Welcome to the Lord President. Sale of City cloth.**

21 November 13 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that my Lorde Mayor, Aldermen and Sherryfs shall go to my Lorde Presedent to the manner at his comyng to this Citie frome the Northe Contre, and to welcome his honour to this Citie yf he came thorro Clifton ; and if he come in at Myklith barr then they with others to meyt his honour at the said barr, and after that to take order what present shall be geven to hym.

It is also agreyd that the belman shall go abowte this Citie in placs accustomyd appon Thursday next and declare yf that any man of this Citie be wyllyng to by any of the clothes that is mayd for this Citie use, let them resorte to the Chambre appon Owse brigg appon fryday next before none to se the same. And those that were appoyntyd before for the saill of thother clothes shall also by thadvyce of my Lord Mayor mayk sale of those clothes nowe alreddy maid and in the chamber to the most proffitt by ther good dyscreccyons.

fo. 217. **Post Horses.**

25 November 13 Elizabeth (1570). *Present* —Richard Calome, Mayor, 6 Aldermen.

For preparacon to be mayd for post horses agaynst Monday next in the mornyng for my Lord Presydent and others at his rydyng up towards London viz. for xxiiij horses or more; it is agreyd that Mr. Sherryffs and there offycers shall resort to my Lord Mayor howse at after none and by ther advice to informe my Lorde Mayer where suche post horses ar best to be taken for this tyme.

Wine for the Archbishop. Wool to be purchased.

29 November 13 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that all suche persons of this Citie as was appoyntyd to fynd post horses for my L. Presydent for the Quenes affayres (and found none) shall pay for there defalt there in xij^{d} a pece towards the charge of other post horses that servyd at this tyme, and the said fynes not to excuse thoffenders hereafter, butt that they shall serve with there horses as they shall be commandyd at there perills.

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Agreyd that half a tonne of gascoigne wyne shall be geven in present to my Lorde Archebushops grace[1] at his commyng to this Citie.

Agreyd that one day this next week one of the Chamberleyns and Roger Legh, cloths worker, shall ryde into the countre to by woll for makyng of cloth, and my L. Mayor to pay theme of money in his hands xl^{li} and they to accompt thereof.

fo. 217b. **The City Waits. A cobbler disenfranchised.**

1 December 13 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 1 of the xxiv.

Agreyd that the common waits of this Citie for dyvers good causes and consideracons shall frome henseforth use and kepe there mornyng watche with ther instruments accustomyd every day in the weyk, excepte onely Sondays in the mornyng and the tyme of Crystenmas onely excepte, any custome or usaige heretofore hadd and used emongs thame or others before them to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Also Thomas Waynman, cobler, and Alex. Harryson, taillyor, was callyd before the said presens and was moved to abyde thorder of my Lorde Mayor and his Brethren for all controverses dependyng betwixt them, whiche Waynman utterly refusyd to abyde there order, for the whiche he was by the whole consent discharged of his fredome and that he shall not occupie as a freman in this Citie.

And the said Harryson was contentyd to abyde suche order as they shuld mayk betwixt theme[2].

fo. 218. **Dead body found. The City's whipping cart.**

6 December 13 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

It was informed my Lorde Mayor and his Bretherne of one poore man founde deade in Mr. Harryngton close nigh Monk brig, wherfor it was willed the Sheryffs that by their officers they should gyve notice therof to the Coronars to make viewe of the saide deade body accordyng to the lawes of this realme.

It was alsoo aggreed that the litle cart of this Citie whiche was made for wheppyng of vacabunds shalbe called for and brought to the bridge there to remayne for that purpose.

fo. 219. **Bellman at the Bull Ring.**

18 December 13 Elizabeth (1570). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

[1] This would be for the new Archbishop, Edmund Grindal.
[2] On 6 December, both were bound over to keep the peace.

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Aggreed that if there be no Exchcatour office founde by the Mayor of this Citie for the tyme beyng, than the Chambre shall beare the wholle chardges of their accompte in the exchequer.

Aggreed that all proclamaccons and common cryes herafter to be made by the Lord Mayor, Sheryffs belman and others shalbe at the common bull ryng situat apon the Pavement withyn the lymyts of Crux paroche ; and in case the said bull ryng be at this present wrong placed the same to be reformed.

fo. 222. **Assault on one of the Sheriffs.**

29 January 13 Elizabeth (1576-1571). *Present*—Richard Calome, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that for that John Edwyn, latly arrested by warant for suerty of the peax agaynst Edward Williamson, did with his daggar drawen in his hand enter into Mr. Shirifs hows and apon the same Shiriff in cruell maner made assalt and affray in contempt of the Quene, breakyng of peax and most perillouse example of suche lyke offenders ; therfor the said John Edwyn shall still remayne in ward for the sayd offens untill further order be had[1].

fo. 223b. **Wood for the Countess of Sussex.**

10 February 13 Elizabeth (1570-1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Thomas Barker, officer, beyng called before theis presens for certayne evill order and mysdemenour supposed to be comytted in his hows, whiche he presentlie denyed ; and nowe Mr. Allyn, Alderman, offred to putt in a bill of informacon of the mysdemenour of the said Barker before this day sevenight, whereunto this presens therto aggreed.

Alsoo Mr. Harbert and Mr. Dyneley, Aldermen, were nowe appoynted to mak survey for wood in Bothome Ward to be lent to the Countes of Sussex if she stand nede therof. And they to make report therof to my Lord Mayor in thafternone of this present day.

fo. 223b. **Sunday closing of taverns.**

15 February 13 Elizabeth (1570-1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that none of the tavernars, inholdars, kepars of alehouses or tiplynge howses or vitaylars whatsoever within this Citie or suburbes shall receyve any persone or persones whatsoever into any their howses to drynk on any Sondays or other holydays. And for bettar execution herof it is aggreed that the wardens of every ward shall appoynt certaine persones by their discreccons to serche the said tavernes etc. and the said persons soo to be

[1] On 3 February it was ordered that Edwyn be removed from the Sheriff's prison to the Mayor's prison.

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appoynted to certifie to morowe to the Lord Mayor. And that the officers of the iiij wards of this Citie shall undilayedly charge the constables in their wards to gyve warnyng to all the said tavernars etc. in their severall paroches not to receyve any of the said persones in to their howses.

fo. 224b. **Memoranda for the M.P.'s**

2 March 13 Elizabeth (1570-1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Certayne remembrances for the Burgesses of this Citie for the common weale of the same aggreed oponly by this worshipful presens to be moved in the Parliament hows this next Parliament—as folowith.

First that all the free citizens of the Citie of York shall and may have free libertie to buye wooll and fell growyng within the wholle lymyts of the Counties of York or the Citie of York and to have a staple for soo moche of the said woll and fell as they shall soo buye at the said Citie and from thens to transport the same to any suche parts beyond the seas as shall please the Privie Counsell to appoint.

Item that all the clothes herafter to be made within the said Counties shalbe sealed at the Citie of York by the Mayor of the said Citie or some other persone to be apointed by the Mayor and Citizens beyng suche as for whois dealyng in that office the said Mayor and Citizens shall answere.

Item to make sewte to my Lord President to knowe his opinyons where and how many of the thyngs above mencioned are likely to be obteyned and for his favorable helpe herin.

And it is further aggreed that the serchars of every occupacon of this Citie shall have warnyng to appere before the Lord Mayor at the Counsell Chambre on Moneday next at viij of the clock before noone to thentent it may be declared to theym at their commyng that they shall call every their occupacons togither and to see what every occupacon can devise to be moved for the common weal of this Citie to be put into the Parliament hows ; and to certefie their doyngs in writyng to the Lord Mayor and his Bretherne at a day and place to be than appoynted thaym.

fo. 227. **Offer to clean the Ouse. New M.P.'s.**

Searchers' Proposals.

9 March 13 Elizabeth (1570-1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

James Cornyssh, shipwright, offered to clense the watir of Ouse in places nedeful, and to make it vij fot depe over the shawds[1] at a low watir. Aggreed that if the said James bryng the same to

[1] The Shawds; shards are gaps in a river bank. N.E.D.

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passe that than he in consideracon therof shall have x^li^ annuytie for terme of his lyfe and alsoo that he and James, Robert and John Cornyshe his sonnes shalbe made free men of this Citie without anythyng payeng.

Aggreed alsoo that the said James Cornysshe and ——Todd, carpentar shall goo togither to morowe and provide for tymbre (where it can be gotten) for makyng of a gabard[1], a drag and other instruments mete for the said ryvar.

And nowe Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, Mr. Raulf Hall and Mr. Hughe Graves, Aldermen, were nominated Burgesses for this Citie ; and the said Sir Thomas to be spoken with all herin before Tuesday at night next whether he be content or not ; and if he cannot than the sayd Mr. Hall and Mr. Graves to be burgesses.

And nowe alsoo dyverse of the serchars of occupacons of this Citie did certifie in wrightyng to the Lord Mayour and Aldermen certayne articles for the common weale of this Citie by every of the same occupacons severally to be considered apon by theis worshipfull presens, and descried that the same articles or so many of theym as should please my Lord Mayour and Aldermen might be putt into the Parliament hows.

fo. 231. **Election of Clerk of Statute Merchant.**

19 March 13 Elizabeth (1570-1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

The Queenes writte for election of the clerk for kepyng of the lesser part of the seale for recognysancez after the forme of the statute at Acton Burnell[2] deputed in the said Citie in rome of Thomas Fale, gent, decesed, was now redde before theis worshipfull presens whoe by their voices and wholle assent did elect and chose Leonard Belt, gent, a man of the said Citie for the kepyng of the said pece of the said seale and to do thois things belongyng to the said office.

And now Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, and Mr. Ralph Hall, Alderman, were by the most voyces of this hows electe Burgesses for this Citie.

fo. 228b. **Parliament matters.**

20 March 13 Elizabeth (1570-1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Mr. Raulf Hall, one of the Burgesses for this Citie shall have paid hym by the Chambrelaynes at his goyng up to London to this Parliament xx^li^ in his purse toward the diet and chardges of hym and Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, and for other chardges abowte the said Parliament. And that the said Mr. Raulf Hall shall likewise have payed hym xiij^s^ iiij^d^ for his mans

1 Gabard ; sailing vessel, a barge for inland navigation. N.E.D.
2 Statute of Acton Burnell. See *Statutes of the Realm*, IV, 73.

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lyveray. And the said Mr. Hall to be allowed for his said chardgs and diets after vj^{s} viij^{d} for hym, his servant and horse as he heretofore hath had.

Item it was alsoo aggreed that a lettre of attorney of the Mayor and Comonaltie to the said Burgesses accustomed shalbe sealed with the common seale and delyvered unto theym.

And nowe all the bills brought into this hows by the serchars of occupacons of this Citie were perused, and certen articles in the said bills conteyned thought to be most for the common weale of this Citie weare now aggred apon, and to be put in by the said Burgesses at this next Parliament.

fo. 229b. **Matters to be submitted to Parliament.**

22 March 13 Elizabeth (1570-1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

Dyverse articles for the common weale of this Citie were devised for the Burgesses to put in at this next Parliament.

A remembrance for the Burgesses.

First to make sewts to have all the Queenes majesties land within the Citie and Aynstie by fee ferme for the mayntenance of this Citie and helpyng of the ryvar. Yf this be passed all ready to any other person, than to make sewte to have the lordship of Overton, and both Fulfords, Clyfton and Skoreby or others as nighe this Citie as can be had.

Item to remembre the coverlet weavers bill accordyng to the tener therof to theym delyvered and the acte of Parliament therof sent with theym.

Item serche and sealyng of cloth in this Citie to be granted to the same Citie, like as is nowe used in Halyfax by waterhows for that the seale is above said.

Item if any taxe be granted to sewe for abatement therof as hath bene heretofore accustomed.

fo. 230b. **Sir Thomas Gargrave.cannot be M.P.**

26 March 13 Elizabeth (1571).

To the worshipfull and his very lovyng frends the Lord Mayor and his bretherne the Aldermen of the Citie of York.

After my very harty commendacons to your L. and the rest. And I do most hartily thank you that it pleased you to electe me one of your Burgesses for the Parliament, and doo take my self therfor besyds many other your gentlenes moche bounden unto yow and I shalbe willyng and redy as occasion may serve to do you and every of you that pleasure I can. And for that I am nowe, as I am sure ye here, chosen Knight for the Shire I cannot serve bothe the rowmes and am therfor sory I have thus trobled you and do requyre you to electe in my place suche other as ye shall seme unto you,

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and if it be my chanse to goo up to the Parliament (as in dede I am not sure therof) I shalbe glad to joyne with your Burgesses in any suyte wherein I may pleasure youe. And so with my harty thanks for all your gentlenes I bid you hartily fare wel.

Frome my chambre this xxvj of Marche, 1571.

Your L. others assured,

Thomas Gargrave[1].

fo. 231. **Payment to M.P.'s. Letter on their behalf to the Earl of Sussex.**

27 March 1571. *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 1 of the xxiv.

John Farley, gent, one of the Chamberlaynes payed to thands of Mr. Raulf Hall and Mr. Hughe Graves, Aldermen, Burgesses for this Citie for this next Parliament the somme of xx^{li} toward their diet, chardges of the same Parliament, and alsoo xxvj^{s} viij^{d} for their twoo mens lyverays as was before aggreed by this hows.

And now a warrant of attornay of the Mayor and Comminaltie of this Citie to the said Burgesses under common seale and also a writt for election of the clerk of Statut Marchant with certificat of the same under common seale, whereby Leonard Belt, gent, was electe and sworne clerke of the said statut, together with the litle charter of King Richard the first for Yorkers to to tolne free weare delyvered to the said Burgesses[2].

To the right honourable and their veray good Lord, the Earle of Sussex, one of the Queenes majesties Privie Counsell, and is highnes Lieutenant Generall in theis North parties.

Right honourable and our veray specyall good Lorde, our humble dewties to your honor remembred, with our most hartie thank to your Lordshipp for your accustomed goodnes to us and the pore Citie of Yorke in all our nedeful causes and trobles at all tymes shewed; be seechyng your honer to contynewe the same to Mr. Raulf Hall and Mr. Hughe Graves, Aldermen and Burgesses for our said Citie in of suche our nedefull sewts and cawses as they shall have occasion to resort to your honor for your good helpe, and furthermore towards this said pore Citie as all our hope and truste is to your honor. And thus hartely besechyng your honour to contynewe our good Lorde we shall not cesse contynually to pray to Almightie God for yout Lordship in good helths and moche honour long to endure.

From York the xxvijth of Marche 1571

your honors humble at commandement

Gregory Pacok, Mayor of the Citie of York and Aldermen of the same.

1 Alderman Hugh Graves is elected M.P. in place of Gargrave.

2 A note is here added :— The same chartre was delyvered in agayne by Mr. Graves the xijth of August 1571.

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(*fo.* 231b). To the right worshippfull and our veray friend Mr. Anthony Rowe, esquyer, the Queenes majesties auditor of Yorkshire.

After our hartie commendacons unto yowe ; that where as at this present we have appoynted Mr. Raulf Hall and Mr. Hughe Graves, Aldermen, Burgesses for this Citie of York for this next Parliament, and that we doo thynke the said Mr. Hall and Mr. Graves shall nede to request your worships frendship in the furtheryng of theym to some particulers of the Queenes majesties lands withyn the county of York or within the county of the said Citie for helpe and releif of the said Citie. Therfore theis shalbe to desyre youe as our specyall trust is in you that youe will be soo good unto us and the said Citie, that if they or either of theym shall have any occasion of such sewts unto youe, that you will be our frende therin, and to sett forward the same with your good advise and counsell, accordyng to suche instruccons as they shall bryng unto you ; and in thus doyng we shall thynk ourselfs bonden unto yowe and wilbe very glad to pleasure youe or any of you in any thyng we can if that occasion will serve. And thus besechyng God to kepe yowe in helth with increase of worship we bid you most hartily fare well.

Frome York the xxvij^th^ of March 1571.

Yours assured, George Pacok, Mayor of the Citie of York and the Aldermen of the same.

fo. 232. **City lands.**

28 March 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that a booke of bounders of all the lands and tenements belongyng to this Citie shalbe made and that the same booke shall remayne in the Counsell Chambre and all leases of the said lands to be registered in the said booke.

And nowe there was a booke of survey[1] of the common rents of the Citie redde and dyverse notes therof was made by the wholle consent, whiche survey and notes remayne in the kepyng of John Clerk.

Alsoo aggreed that all the catell in Saynt George closse shalbe putt forth of the same, and the gate of the said closse to be nayled up, untill suche tyme as my Lord Mayor and this hows shall tayke further order therin.

fo. 232b. **Sale of the City cloth.**

6 April 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Mr. Alleyn and Mr. Henryson, Aldermen, Mr. May, Sheryf, Mr. Wilkynson, Robert Askwith, and William Allyn,

[1] This survey is still in existence among the City MSS.

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draper, shall sell all the clothe in the Chambre apon Ousebrig and in Saynt George chapell to any that will buye the same at suche prices as they shall thynke good on Moneday next at one of the cloke in thafter noone and on Tewisday thenn next after. And that in the meane tyme the bell man to goo abowte this Citie to gyve warnyng to all persones that will buye any of the said clothe.

fo. 233b. **The Council in the North issues instructions for maintenance of order.**

7 April 13 Elizabeth (1571).

To our trustie and well beloved the L. Mayor, Aldermen and Justices of our peace within our Citie of York.

Trustie and welle beloved we grete yowe well. And for as moche as we chyefly desier the due honor of God and the good quiet of our people and realme and to prevent and avoide all suche attempts as may hynder the same, we have thought good for the especyall trust we have in your fidelities to will and comande yowe, and by theis presents to aucthorise yow with all diligenc to assemble your selfs together and to devide yourselfs into suche severall devisions as ye shall think mete ; and that done that yowe and every nombre of youe so devided do endevour your selfs with all diligens and circumspection to cause to be dewly executed all the articles hereunto annexyd and every part therof ; and for that purpose to call before yowe all constables and suche nombre of other persons of every towne and paryshe as ye shall think mete, and to take theym sworne to see executed the said articles, or to present their doyngs with the defalts and names of the offendars to yow, at suche day and place as yow shall appoynte at the least every moneth once ; and that yowe faile not to take ordre therin as the case shall requyre accordyng to our lawes. And to take good bonds of all suche unrewly and disordered persons as you shall thynk mete to appere before the L. President or Vice-president and others of our Counsell in the North parts ; and to certifie the same to our said Consell with alsoe such weightie or great causes or trobles, if any shall chanse, as yow shall thynk mete to be resisted or reformed by our said Counsell. And that ye faile not at the least every xl^{tie} dayes to advertise the state of your countrey to our said L. President or Vice President and Counsell. Faile ye not herof as we specyally trust yowe and as ye will answere for the contrary. Yeven onder our signet at Nostell the xxviijth day of Marche.

And by hir Counsell.

(*fo.* 234). Articles to be observed and executed by the Justics of Peace and by their orders and directions.

First that immediately apon the receipt herof, ye the Justices of Peace do devide your selfs into severall lymytts, and withyn your severall lymytts to call before yowe at suche severall dayes and places as ye shall thynke mete the constables and iij or iiij

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suche honest persons or moo of every towneship and parishe within your devision as ye shall thynke mete, and to chardge theym apon their oathes with the dewe execucon of theis articles ; and ye shall appoynte at the least in every xxx^tie^ dayes once to certifie unto yow their doyngs ; and alsoo that if they perceyve any styrr or trobles to aryse like to make any great disquiet or commocion that they certifie yow therof with spede to thentent yourselfs may resyst and represse the same ; and therof to advertise the Lord President or Vice-President and Counsell in the North parties. Also that ye move all persones to come to the open service and receepte of the Holy Communyon and the use of the sacraments, accordyng to the lawe of this our Realme, or thoffenders and refusours to come therunto to be presented to you and you to certifie their names over to our said Counsell.

Also that ye streightly and dewly for the peace and quiet of our people and countrey well and dewly to be preserved and mayntyned and to have good respecte that no common brawler, braggers, barettors[1], troblesome, suspicyous or vagarant persones be permytted to go abrode or abide in any place, but to be punysshed and commyted to the gaole until they be bondon in good bonds and sufficyent suerties with theym to lyve in order and quiet accordyngto our lawes.

Also that ye be very carefull and see dewly executed the statuts against sedicyouse, false and slanderouse tales, newes, rumorz, writyngs and books, the stay wheroff will moche prevaile to the quiet of our contrey and good subjects and also avoide many trobles and inconveniences.

Also to see streightly executed with spede the statute against valiant beggars, vagabunds and idle persones, and that the pore be releved accordyng to the lawes, and none suffred to go abrode withowt a lycens so to do, and the swoorrne men to present where any shalbe otherwise suffred to go abrode or receyved, releved or harboured.

Also that ye be diligent to punnysshe all riots, rowts, unlawfull assembles, entrees with forces, and to have good respecte abrode to unlikly or unlawful convencons, conspiracons, conventicles or assembles and to apprehend with spede the persones suspected and either admytt theym to saif ward or to take theym bound in good bonds with good suerties for the preservacon of peace and quiet or ells to good abearyng, as by your discrecion shalbe thought good, or to send theym in saif custodie to our said Counsell.

Also that they take order for the dewe execucon of the lawes and statuts for ale howses and to reduce theym to a lesse nombre and to bynde theym well to kepe your ordres ; also that ye see avoided all unlawful games and to punnysshe the offendors ; and that archery be frequented and used ; and that the statuts for amendyng of briggs and highe wayes to be dewly executed.

[1] Barettors ; fraudulent dealers.

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(*fo.* 234b). Also we will that for the dewe execucon of the premysses ye be vigilant, diligent and carefull and that ye certyfye the state of your severall devisions at the leste once every vj wekes to our said L. President or Vice-president and Consell. And if any matter of weight or importance that may be thought or suspecte may annoye the common welth or quiet of this our countrey or realme or to move any great troble, styrre or commocion ye shall therof with all spede certifie the same to the said L. President etc to thentent they may provide to prevent, avoide and reforme the same as shall apperteyne.

Fynally the chardges of suche as shall take paynes for the presentment and dewe execucon of the premysses shalbe considered by our said Counsell of the sommes to be levied for thoffendars presented before yowe.

Whiche Commyssion and articles beyng soo redd it was aggreed that the L. Mayor and Aldermen, beyng wardens, shall on Monday next at ix of the clok before noone of the same day sitt every of theym within their severall wards at their places accustomed and see execucon of the said articles. And like order is taken for the Aynstie, that the gentlemen and also the constables and iiij substancyall persones of every township of the same Aynstie to be at the Common Hall on tewisday next at viij of the clok before none of the same day before the said Commissioners for execucon of the said articles as is aforesaid. And that precept shalbe forthwith made for warnyng as well of the constables and iiij substanciall persones of every paroche of the said Citie as alsoo of the gentlemen, constables and iiij substanciall persones of every the said towneships at the dayes, places and houres aforesaid[1].

fo. 238. **Eating Meat in Lent.**

27 April 13 Elizabeth (1571).

The verdict of every jury of this Citie for inquyrie ageinst eatyng of flesshe in Lent last were redde ; viz. all well. Excepte onely that the last inquyrie of Bothome warde theis presentments shalbe certified, as followeth, viz. John Harper, tayler, for eatyng fleisshe in his hows, viz. a calf, the said Lent, and also George Wilson, bocher, for killyng of the same calf.

fo. 239. **A City charter for London. Ouse Bridge repairs.**

30 April 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—George Peacock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

[1] On folios 235-237b are given the names of the constables and four honest persons for each City parish and Ainsty township.

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Aggreed that a wholle taxe shalbe levied within every paroche through this Citie for savyng and reparyng of the foundacon of Ousebrig, the chapell there, and for clensyng of the ryvar of Ouse ; and the same to be levied with as moche spede as may be. And that billetts be made to all constables of every paroche to levie the same and delyvered to the said constables before Thursday next.

fo. 240. **Letter to M.P.s.**

To the right worshipfull Mr. Raulf Hall and Mr. Hughe Graves, Aldermen of the Citie of Yorke, and Burgesses for the same Citie, at London.

Right worshipfull after our hartie commendacons ; certifieng yowe that we have receyved your lettre dated at London the xijth of Aprile instant ; howbeit it was xj dayes after that before the same came to our hands. And where as ye write unto us by the said lettre to get a note of the particulars of the late chantry lands in the Citie of York at Mr. Arthure Dakyns hands for that yow could not perceyve by Mr. Rowe bookes what lands weare sold or unsold, and to send you it up ; trewth it is we have made sewte accordyngly but as yet we cannot gett any suche perfite particular. Yet so soone as we can get it we will send yowe the same. And where also as yowe write to us for money we desyre yow good Mr. Graves to make shyft for the same accordyng to your promyse, and look what yowe borowe or stand nede of lett us knowe by your lettre and yowe shall have it sent up frome tyme to tyme with all expedicon that may be, God willing. Alsoo we desyre yowe in anywise to goo forward with your attempte for the manors of Fulforth Clyfton and Drynghowses as yowe write unto us by your letters and suche other thyngs as we gave yowe instruccons of. And further where as ye write unto us for a note of suche parsonages as many as be impropriat ; we sende yowe herein closed a note of soo many of theym as we have allready gotten knowlege of and doo mynde to sende yowe further note of moo so soone as we can. And thus wisshyng your helth and good successe of our matters and not to take any thought for money. We beseeche the Allmightie have yowe in his kepyng. Frome York the last of Aprile 1571.

Your lovyng Brethern, Gregory Pacok, Mayour and the Aldermen.

A note of the said parsonage

Richmondshire	The parsonage of Aynderby with Steple	xxxiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}
Rydall	The parsonage of Kirby Moreshed	xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}
Cleveland	The parsonage of Lythe	C^{li}. late Sir Francis Bigod, nowe the Quene

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fo. 241. **Choirboys wanted for St. Paul's Cathedral.**

Elizabeth By the Quene.

Wher this berer, our servaunt, Sebastyan Westcot, maister of the chyldren of our churche of Polles, is by us appoyntyd to repare unto sundry parts of this our realme for the takyng upp of serten apte chyldren that may by his good educacon be framyd in syngyng, so as they may be mete to serve us in this behalf, when we shall call for theme ; our pleasure and expresse commandement is that you and every of you to whome in this case it appertenyth, be both aydyng and assistyng unto our said servaunte to the beste of your powers in the doyng hereof, and also suffre hym quyetly to have frome you withoute any your interruption suche chyldren as he shall take upp in any our Cathedrall or Collegiat churches or other placs within our reallme ; whereoff faill ye nott as ye tender our favour and will answere for the contrary. Yeven under our signet at our maner of Grenewiche the last of June in the second yere of our reigne.

To all the Deans, Provestes, M^rs^ of Collages and all Cathedrall mynysters and subjects, to whome in this case it shall appertean and to every of them.[1]

fo. 241b. **Council in the North matters. City cloth.**

Presents to Sir Thomas Gargrave and to the Recorder.

18 May 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

A draught in paper of the certificat to Sir Thomas Gargrave, Vicepresident, and others of the Quenes Consell in theis North parties, concernyng the execucon of the Queenes majesties commyssion and certeyn articles therunto annexed, was nowe redde, and it was aggreed that the said certificat shalbe forthwith written up and to be subscribed with the hands of the L. Mayor, and soo to be certified to the said Mr. Vice-president.

Alsoo aggreed that Lawrens Grene shalbe spoken with by my L. Mayor to knowe if he wilbe bailif of the Aynstie and alsoo solicytor for all the matters and causes of this Citie before the L. President and Counsell ; or ells apon report by my L. Mayor that he will not, one other to be appointed.

Mr. Allyn, Alderman, and Mr. Robynson shall on wedynsday next goo to St. George hous and take an inventory of all the cloth there remayneng, and of all lomes and other instruments as was under custodie of Roger Leigh, oversear of common webbyng of cloth for this Citie.

Agreed that Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight, for his good will and frendly favour to this Citie shall have half a tonne of Gascoigne

[1] Presumably Mr. Sebastian Westcott, carrying this old letter, has arrived in York in May, 1571, looking for promising choirboys.

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wyne. And Mr. William Tankard, Recorder, to have a hoggishead of like wyne for his frendship.

fo. 242. **Sixty oak trees for the City.**

30 May 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Mr. Maskewe and Mr. Hewyson, Aldermen, and Mr. Middleton, Sheryf, shall with all convenient spede ryde togither and see the lx oake trees bought of Mr. Hungate for the Citie need to be marked and hewen ; and that the said Mr. Sheryf shall see the small woods therof to be made in kidds[1] and to sell the same kidds and bark of the said trees to the Citie, and to gett the said tymber conveyed to the said Citie.

fo. 243. **Rate of Wages. Money for Ouse Bridge.**

13 June 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

A certificat rated for servants wages, artificiers, handycrafts men was delyvered to Leonard Belt to certifie and put in the same into the high court of Chancery accordyng to the Statute in that case provided, whiche certificat conteyneth the like rate of wages in all thyngs as was the last yere.

Aggreed that my Lord Mayor shall send for all constables of every paroche, and to charge theym to see assessed with all speed every of theym their taxe within their severall paroches towards buyldyng of Ouse brig ; and the same, so assessed, to bryng in their money togither with their bills with all expedicon.

Aggreed that all the cloth of this Citie ligheng in the Counsell Chambre shalbe removed thens to the next chambre of the brige with all convenient spede.

Aggreed that Mr. Roger Lee, overseer of common webbyng of cloth shalbe discharged therof by commandement from my L. Mayor.

fo. 244. **Council in North asks for conveyances for wine, etc.**

By the Queene.

Forasmoche as our right trusty and right welbeloved cosen, thearle of Shrewesburye, knight of the most noble order of the Garter of England, and one of our Counsell in the North partes, presently makith certen provision for his household, and hath appoynted this berer, Rauf Barbar, his servant, to take up, prepare and provide waynes, draughts and cariages for the conveyens and

[1] Kidds ; faggots.

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cariage of wynes and other thyngs for the same provision to his castell at Sheffeld ; we therfor will and commande yowe that ye ymmediatly upon the sight herof do set forwards and furnysshe this said bearer in all places convenient within our countie of York, Citie of York and countie of the same, Kingston upon Hull and county of the same, with so many good and hable cariags, waynes and draughts, furnysshed with horse, oxen and other necessaries mete and convenient for the cariage and bryngyng from place to place of all the said wynes and other thyngs necessarie for the said provision, as often as nede shall requier for redye money and price reasonable. Yeven under our signet at Nostell the xixth day of June in the xiijth yere of our reigne.

And by hir Counsell.

To Maister Aldermen, Sherefs, bailifs, head boroughes, constables, and all other our officers, mynisters, trewe leigemen and subjects, and every of theym to whome in this case it shall apperteyne.

fo. 244b. **False charge against the Mayor and Council.**

22 June 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

A lettre from Mr. Tankard to my Lord Mayor and his Bretherne directed, theffecte wherof is that he is informed that Mr. James Phillip hath sold xx^{li} futhers of lead to a merchant of London, and that he is bonde for delyverie of the same at a day forth to come ; alledgyng further by the same lettre that my said L. Mayor and his Bretherne to have made an ordre, that any freeman of the Citie of York havyng keles for carying from York to Hull shall not cary any lead of any foreynars, and that the kelemen doe refuse to carye the said lead by course of the said ordre. Requyryng therfor my said Lord Mayor to call his Bretherne togither and to take ordre that the Quenes subjects be not trobled with suche inconveniences.

Who beyng nowe here assembled declared to the sone of the said Mr. Philip comyng from his said father abowte carieng of the said lead, that there was never any suche ordre made by this hows. Yet not withstandyng my said L. Mayor, beyng presently Governour of the felowship of merchants of this Citie, wold cause their said felowship to be called togither at ij of the clock in thafter noone of this present day.

Aggreed that Mr. Dyneley, Alderman, and Mr. Andrewe Trewe shall goo to morowe at vj of the clocke in the mornyng to the Tollbothe and viewe the clothe belonging to this Citie and to make report of their said viewe at the next assemblie of this hows.

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fo. 245. **Expenses of M.P.s.**

25 June 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Mr. Hughe Graves, Alderman, one of the Burgesses for this Citie, brought in one bill of the chardges of hym and Mr. Raulf Hall, there at the last Parliament and other matters at London, amountyng to lj^{li} xvj^{s} viij^{d}, wherof they receyved of the Chambreleynes at their goyng up xx^{li} and syns their goyng up at thands of Mr. Hargill, my Lady Latymer man, other xx^{li}, soo that the dewe some that is behynde to be payed to the said Burgesses is xj^{li} xvj^{s} viij^{d}.

fo. 245b. **Examination of the City's cloth.**

28 June 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, 7 Alderman, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Mr. Harbart, Mr. Maskewe, Mr. Dyneley and Mr. Andrewe Trewe, of the xxiiij, Robert Bekwith, John Geldart, Robert Askwith, Robert Brooke, Richard Burdon, John Wright, William Bekwith, George Fawcett and Thomas Waller of the Commons, are appoynted to view all the Citie clothe on moneday next at viij of the clock before noone, and to see in what ordre it is in and whether the same be worth as moche money nowe as it was before at their last view or not. And that the iiij officers shall gyve theym warnyng accordyngly. And nowe Miles Thomlynson, walker, was requyred to call certayne of his occupacon together and to mete at the said day and houre with the said viewers and with theym to serche and see whether any default be in the clothe or in workyng of the said cloth or not ; whoo sayed he wold gladly accomplisshe their requests and to make report.

Aggreed that the said Aldermen and others shall at their viewyng devide all the said cloth into twoo equall parts, wherof Mr. Gregory Pacoke, nowe maister of the felowship of Merchants of this Citie, Mr. Appleyard, Mr. Askwith, Mr. Raulf Hall, Mr. Allyn, Mr. Harbert, Mr. Maskewe and Mr. Graves, Aldermen, and of the same felawship, shall have thone half of the said cloth to thuse of theym and their felawship ; and likewise that Mr. Dyneley, Alderman, shall have thother half of the said cloth to thuse of theym and the Comminaltie of this Citie.

fo. 246. **The City's cloth.**

3 July 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

A certificat in wrightyng of the viewe of the cloth was redde, wher by it appereth that the same clothes are not soo moche worth, as they were at the last viewe by xxv^{li} viij^{d} in the wholle clothes ; whiche clothes were then devided into equall parts by the said vewars accordyng to thaggreement of this hows.

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Aggreed that the Maister of the felawship of Merchants of this Citie and the Aldermen of the same felawship and others, the Aldermen of the Citie, not beynge of the said felawship, whoo were appointed to have the said clothe equally divided into twoo parts shalbe bounde by obligacons before Saynt Jamis day next for trewe payment of the money for the said clothe at thare severall dayes, that is to say, Candlemas next, Lammas than next after, and Candlemas 1572 ; and the said money that they soo paye to be devided into iij equall payments for every the same dayes.

And for so moche as apon viewe of the said clothe it further appered to the said viewars with searche of the walkers and shermen, that default in workmanship of the same clothe was in the clothiar ; and that they aggreed towards recompense therof he should be rebated of his wages iiij^{li}, as by the said certificate doeth alsoo appere. And the said clothiar beyng nowe called in before this worshipfull presens, and by theym asked whether he will abyde thordre of this hows for his said default, or ells to be otherwise trobled for the same sayed he was content to abide their ordre.

fo. 246b. **Business expenses in London.**

11 July 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Mr. Bell, attornay for the Citie matters at London, brought in a bill of certayne expenses and chardges by hym disbursed as foloweth ; viz. for the sewte of Stampe againste West for Hillary, Pasche, Trynytie termes last ; for certificat ageinst eatyng flesshe in Lent last, and certificat of rate of servants wages ; for servyng forth of the Quenes warrant of privie seale ; for abatement of C^{li} of the Citie taxe ; and a boke of statuts at the last Parliament ; with his half yere fee of attornayship aforesaid dewe at midsomer last, amountyng in the wholle to the somme of vj^{li} xij^{d}, whiche bill beyng redd it was aggreed that the said vj^{li} xij^{d} shalbe payed hym by the Chamberlaynes.

fo. 247. **City's tax reduced by £100.**

Copie of the privie seale for abatement of the Citie taxe.

. . . We considerynge the extreme povertie of the citizens and inhabitants of the said Citie, and that there are a great nombre of howses utterly ruyned and decayed, and not inhabited by reason of the great plagues that latly was in the said Citie, and the good and faithfull services that the Mayor, Aldermen, Sherriffs, citizens and inhabitants of the said Citie hath done to our most dere father of worthie memorie Kyng Henry theight, and to our late dere brother Kyng Edward the sext, and also to our late dere systar Quene Mary in furnisshing and settyng forth a greate nombre of

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soldyours at sundry tymes to our frontier ageinst Scotland and to Lyth and the greate chardges they have ben at contynually in good educacon of a greate nombre of poore folk and fatherlesse children . . .

fo. 248. **York citizens hindered in buying coal at Hull.**

To the right worshipfull and their lovyng friends Mr. Mayor and the Aldermen of the towne of Kyngston apon Hull.

Right worshipfull after our most hartie recommendacons to yowe; wher as there was a composition and aggreement made betwene yowe, your Aldermen and Commons of the township of Kyngeston apon Hull of thone partie, and the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Citizens of this Citie of York of thother parte, for and concernyng the weighyng of lead and for buyeng and carieng of coales to the said Citie ; in whiche order emong other aggreements is conteyned that the citizens of the Citie of York and every of theym shall not onely be permytted and suffred frome tyme to tyme quyetly to passe away from Kingston apon Hull with all suche theire coales as shalbe thither brought but also shall have their reasonable and convenyent part of any coales there to be sold withoute any lette or denyer of the Mayor or any of thenhabitants of Hull ; and the said Citizens therin to be bettar intreated than they have bene heretofore as by the same composition and ordre may more playnly appere. Yet that notwithstandyng, the said citizens cannot be suffred to have or buye any coales at Hull but are disturbed and letted by yowe or the inhabitants of the said towne contrary to the said composition and ordre wherfor we shall desyre you to suffre the said citizens to buye coales at the said towne of Hull, withowte lett of yowe or any of your inhabitants accordyng to the said composition, soo that we be not forced to complayne us any further for the same whiche we weare very lothe to doo. And further we shall desyre yowe to certifie us your pleasure herin in wrightyng. And thus trustyng yow will accomplishe our request we beseche the Almightie preserve yowe in moche worship. Frome Yorke the xxjst day of July 1572.

Your lovyng neighburghes and frends

Gregory Pacoke, Mayour of the Citie of York
William Bekwith
Raulf Hall
Richard Calome

fo. 250. **Commission for stricter execution of laws against vagabonds, etc.**

To our trusty and welbeloved the Maior, Aldermen and Sheryfs of our Citie of Yorke and the Countie and liberties of the same and to every of theym.

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By the Queene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yow well. And forasmoch as we well perceyve that the sufferans and tolleracon of lewde persones, vacabunds, sturdie beggars, maisterlesse men and other suspected persones, as well in matters of religion as others, beyng at thys present a great grounde and cause of many disorders, discommodeties and inconveniences, unapprehended and unpunysshed doith moche annoye the common welth and good quyet of our realme and good subjects, and seyng alsoo that by dewe correction and execucon of our lawes ageinst suche persones and other secrete crepers in corners to seduce our said subjects, moche unytie, quyet, honest and obedient life of our said subjects doeth ensewe and daily encrease and abound ; We therfore, well perceyving what good, quiet and dewtifull obediens hath heretofore ensewed as well by their dewe correction as apon streight and orderly previe searches and previe watches in and for the fyndyng and apprehension of suche evill and disobedient persones towards us and our lawes, have thought good to will and commande yow to take straite and severe order accordyng to the lawes of our realme aswell for the apprehension and punysshement of vacabunds, idle persones and beggars withowte any redempton or service as also after the dewe punysshement by stocks and whippyngs, for their conduccon frome constable to constable untill the place of their berth or last abode by three yeres. And for the bettar execucon herof our pleasure and commandement is that ye shall devide yourselfe imediatly upon the receipte herof into severall lymytts and that every of yowe in your severall lymytts doo take good ordre that good and secrete watches and privie searches be made in every towne and within our Citie of York and County of the same, and in all liberties within the same by the constables and (*fo.* 250b). four or moo honest and discrete persones of every towne by yowe to be warned, as the greatnes of the place shall requyre, and aswell to appoynte the said watches and privie searches in every towne, towneshipp and hamlett to begynne apon the twenty day of this present Auguste and to contynewe the same, frome vij of the clock at night untill three of the clock at after noone of the day folowyng, and soo to cause the like serche and watche to be made in the twelf day of September next, and also the twelf day of Octobre folowyng, and after that the like ordre to be kepte every three weeks or everey moneth, or oftener if occasion shall soo requyre, as to your discrecon shall seme mete, and as the occasion shall requyre ; but in any wise not to faile justly and dewly to kepe the previe searches and watches the three severall dayes before appoynted, begynnyng every of the said dayes at vij of the clok at night and to contynewe untill thre of the clock at after noone of every next day folowyng. And if in your said searche and watche ye shall fynde at any tyme any other evill and suspected persones other then vacabunds and

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vagarant beggars and suche like whiche are to be sharply punysshed as is aforesaid, our pleasure is ye shall make certificat of the said suspected persones and the cause therof to the Lord President or Vice-president and others of our Counsell, to thentent they may take ordre for suche persones as apperteyneth ; and in the meane tyme our pleasure is ye shall take ordre for the saif kepyng and fourthcomyng of every of the said suspecte persones. And further we will that ye shall ymmediatly after every of your said severall watches and privie searches . . . [1]. After that every moneth once to certifie your doings of every devision concernyng the premysses or any other great trobles or inconvenyencs suspected or likly to aryse, to our said President etc.; and also to certifie then your said devision for the premisses withowte dilay, to thentent our said Counsell may frome tyme to tyme certifie us and our privie counsell the estate of your contry and of your doyngs in the premisses, at the least every moneth once. And further we woll that ye shall in any wise forsee that ye kepe the premisses soo closse that your purposes and intents be not knowne before to any other but yourselfs and suche ye especyally trust. Yeven under our signet at our Citie of Yorke the vijth day of August, the xiijth yere of our reigne.

And by hir Counsell.

(*fo.* 251). After whiche commyssion openly redd and considered it was devised that for the more spedy and dewe execucon of the contents therof, that there shalbe foure abstracts made forth of the said commyssion for Mr. Wardens of the iiij wards for their bettar instruccons in dewe executyng of the said commyssion, accordyng to the tenor and effecte of the same in like manner and forme as was taken in Mr. Bekwith tyme for the executyng of suche like commyssion. And alsoo that all the constables and iiij or moo of the most honest and discrete persons of every towne in the Aynstie shalbe warned by the bailyffs of the same in the Quenes majesties name personally to appere before Mr. Beane, Mr. Maskewe and Mr. Henryson, Aldermen, Mr. May and Mr. Middleton, Sheryffs, at Saynt James Churche on moneday the xx of August instant at one of the clocke in the after noone of the same day, to heare and execute suche things as shalbe chardged theym ; and that billets shalbe made ready ageinst the said day to delyver to the said constables to execute accordyngly.

(*fo.* 251b). 11 August 13 Elizabeth (1571).

Aggreed that the tower at North strete posterne, whiche is presently in decay, shalbe forthwith repared by the mason.

[1] There is something missing in the text here.

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fo. 258. **Two aliens franchised.**

8 September 13 Elizabeth (1571).

Aggreed E. . . . Browyns, arras worker, and Anthony Ruyskaert, lynen weaver, duchemen, shalbe franchised for xx^{d} a pece, apon condicon that they shall take Englisshe men to be there apprentices and none others.

fo. 259. **Fishgarths. Collection of Taxes. Timber in the Ouse.**

19 September 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

The booke of fisshegarths viewed by my Lord Mayour, Mr. Recorder and certayne of the Aldermen, the Quenes justics of sewars, were nowe perused and it was fully aggreed that one bound fisshgarth called the Ebbe garth of vj rowmes at Skelton, and one other bond garth of x rowmes at Yookeflete standyng in the ryvar of Ouse to great noysans, shalbe certified.

Aggreed that the wholle taxes of this Citie shalbe levied and gathered for the Queenes majestie and that the C^{li} allowed unto this Citie by the Queenes warrant of privay seale shalbe brought to the Chambre ; and than every paroche shall have their allowans of the same C^{li} accordyng to their porcon.

(*fo.* 259b). Also aggreed that all the tymbre ligheng at the common Stath and at Skeldergate posterne shalbe drawne up with two draughts and laide upon the shore.

fo. 260. **Election of Sheriffs.**

St. Mathew's day, 21 September 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Assembled in the Counsell Chambre of the Common Hall for the election of twoo Sheryffs of this Citie. And apon foure eslytes, Edward Turner, James Birkby, Thomas Appleyard and Thomas Jakson, the said James Birkby and Edward Turner are by most voyces chosen to be Sheryffs of this Citie for the yere next to come accordyng to thancient charter and custome of this Citie. And the said James Birkby beyng sent for came and toke his corporall oath to the said office of Sheryff accustomed savyng takyng of his serjant, whiche was left to his owne discreccon ; and he to abide the danger of the statute therin ; and fonde suertie for thone halfe of the Queenes fee firme accordyng to the laudable usage. And gave the wyne. And bycause of the same James is the Sheryffs clerk of the said Citie ; it is therfore aggreed that he shall occupie the same office of Sheryffs clerk by his deputie for this yere.

And the said Edward Turner beyng alsoo sent for was not then present in this Citie.

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fo. 260b. **One of the chosen Sheriffs refuses to take office.**

26 September 13 Elizabeth (1571) *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Edward Turner, inholder, electe to be one of the Sheryffs of this Citie, personally appered, and he beyng now warnyd to take the same oath as the Sheryffs have tyme owte of mynde bene acustomed to take, did refuse to take the same oath in that order. It was therfor fully aggreed that he shalbe commytted to Kydcot untill he will soo doo.

And bycause the said Edward Turner is a sykely man, it is therfore aggreed that he shalbe taken forth of the said Kidcote and remaine in warde in some chamber for the space of xxiiij howers next, to see if he wilbe otherwise advised to take the said oath, or ells, that he shalbe sent to the Kidcot ageyne, there to remayne withoute bayle or maynprice untill he will soo doo[1].

fo. 262 **Receipt for City Records.**

This byll indented mayd the xixth day of September (13 Elizabeth) betwene the right honorable Gregory Pacok, Lord Mayor of the Citie of York of thone partye and Jane Fale, widow, executrix of the last will and testament of Thomas Fale, gentleman, late Common Clerk of the said Cytie, decessed, of thother partie; wytnesseth that the said Lord Mayor hath receyved and had the day of the makinge hereof of the sayd Jane Fale, such books, rolls and records as belong to the sayd Cytie hereafter following viz.

Fyrst, twoo register books wherof thone ys the common register of this Citie in parchement an thother a register in paper. Item one papir booke of all the sessions of peace kept in the same Cytie from the xxxjth day of July in the xiijth yere of Elizabeth with all recognisances of the peace and other recognisances and presentments entred in the same as by the same booke doth playnely appeare. And one other the sessyons book in papir with diverse examinacons and proclamacons. Item all the presentments of the Jurors of all the quarter sessions of peace in the seconde tymes of the Maioraltyes of Mr. Appleyard, Mr. Beane, Mr. Watson, Mr. Robert Pacok, Mr. Cowpland, Mr. Beckwith, and in the tyme of the Mayoraltie of Mr. Calome. Item all the presentments of the first and seconde sessyons in the tyme of the said Mr. Gregory Pacok, now Lord Mayor. Item all the presentments of the Jurors at the generall sessyons of peace holden the xth of Marche in the vjth yeare of the Queenes reigne; Mr. James Symson being than Mayor. Item three bookes concerning view of fysshe garthes wherof one in the first tyme of the mayoralty of Mr. Cowpland and other in the tyme of Mr. Symson and the third in the tyme of Mr. Calome, with eightene

[1] On 28th September Turner took the oath and was admitted Sheriff.

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obligacons than taken of diverse persones for reformacon of fysshe garthes, wherof iiij for fisshegarthes at Skelton, iiij for fisshegarthes at Saltemarshe, iiij at Barneby, ij at Newhay, j at Rosham, j at Armyn, j at Aselby and j at Clyf. Item one part of an estreat indented in parchement of the fynes and amercyaments of diverse persones concerning fysshegarth to noysance, certyfyed into the Eschequer in the first tyme of Mayoralty of Mr. Beckwith. Item the books of all statutes merchant taken and (*fo.* 262b) knowledged in the said Cytie of Yorke from the first tyme of the said Mr. Appleyard viz. *secundo die Marcii anno Regis Edwardi sexti quinto* unto and in the tyme of mayoralty of the said Mr. Gregory Pacok, nowe Lord Mayor. Item one great canvass bagg fylled and conteynning in yt the rolles of old statuts merchant as well in parchement as in paper with twoo statutes merchant and defaisances havying seales and other lyke records, which the sayd Thomas Fale had in his custodye; and also the counterpane of a lease maid to Richard Clerke, baker, in the second tyme of the mayoralty of the sayd Mr. Robert Pacok of an ortyard (orchard) in Fysshergate. All which books, rolles, records and counterpane of leas the said Gregory Pacok, nowe L. Mayor, knowlegeth himself to have receyved to the Cytie behofe, and of the same books, rolls, records and counterpane and of every of theym dothe clearly acquyte and dischardge the said Jaine Fale, hir heyrs, executors and administrators by thes presents. In wytnesse wherof the partie above said to thes presents indented interchangably have set theyr seales. Yeven the day and year first above written.

fo. 263. **A Passport.**

17 October 13 Elizabeth (1571).

To all and syngular Mayors, Justics of peace, Sheriffs, Bailyfs, Constables and all other officers and subjects of our soveraign Lady the Queenes Majestic of Englande, I William Jennisson, Maior of the towne of Newcastell upon Tyne, doo sende dewe greetyngs. Forsomoche as the bearer herof, James Sympson, servant to Mr. George Sympson of Newcastell, draper, with the lycens of hys said Mayster myndeth to passe to the Citie of York there to visyt a brother of his, whiche he sayth, is presently there at York aforesaid; theis shalbe to requyer you and every of you in the Queenes our sovereign ladyes name that soo long as he the said James Sympson shall honestly and quietly behave hymself in his suche passing, without offendyng the Queenes highness and the lawes of this hir realme, you wold permytte and suffer the same James Sympson to passe unto the said Citie of York and from thence hither to returne withoute lett or other disturbance to hym to be done by yowe or any of yow.

xvjth of October 1571.

William Jenyson.

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fo. 263b. **Payment of Common Labourers for load bearing.**

26 October 13 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

An order was made to be frome henseforth observed and kepte by the laboiers of this Citie as folowith—

First it is aggreed that all men called common laborers of this Citie shall beare frome the water of Ouse unto the over ende of the Watirlanes and all other houses boundyng of the said watir of Ouse, Conistrete, Skeldargate and Northstreet, the catche ligheng of either of the same sydes, a thowsand of turves for ij^{d} ob, and a hundreth wood for iij^{d}.

Item that the said laborers shall beare frome the Common Stathe of this Citie unto the Bull Ryng of the Pavement, Castlegate, Saynt Martyns Churche in Conystrete, the farthest howse in Fesegate towards Thursday Market, the furthest howses in Jubargate of the dissolved paroch of Saynt Petre lane litle, the furthest howse in Mikilgate, Northstrete and Skeldargate within the paroch of Saynt John the Evangelist, a thowsand turves for iij^{d} and a hundred wood for vj^{d}.

Item that the said laborers shall beare frome the said Stathe unto Trynitie churche in Kyngsgate otherwise called Chrest churche, Coliargate, Saint Saviour churche, Fossegate, unto the chapell of Fossbrige, Butchers Market shyre otherwise called the Pavement, Patryk poole, Thursday Market, Davigate, Petergate unto the south Mynstar gate, Stonegate, Blakestrete, Conystrete, to the stulpes in Mikilgate, our Lady churche on Busshophill Saynt Mary churche theldare, a thowsand turves for iiij^{d} and a hundred wood for viij^{d}.

(*fo*264). Item from the Stathe unto the iiij Barres a thowsand turves for v^{d} and a hundred wood for x^{d}.

Item it is aggreed that if any laborer do denye and will not carye the turves and wood after the rates abovesaid, every suche laborer to be put forth of this Citie, or ells, to be discharged for workyng in the same as a common laborer.

And it is further aggreed that a copie of the said rates shalbe made up fare in papir and it to be cried by the bellman; and alsoo that the said rates shalbe fare written in parchement and sett on a table[1] and to be hong up in the chamber, there to remayne and be sene from tyme to tyme, to thentent the said rates may be observed and kept by the said laborers.

fo. 265. **City Council to attend a Thanksgiving Service in the Minster.**

18 November 14 Elizabeth (1571).

To our very good Lorde, the L. Mayor of the Citie of York, after our very hartie commendacons; theis are to signifie unto yowe

[1] Table; a board.

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that we have receyved advertisement of a great victorie lately obteyned by the Christians ageinst the Turks, the ancient enemyes of the Chrystian Religion[2]; and that by the Queenes Majesties specyall comandement a publique service of thancks gyvyng for the same haith bene appoynted and executed accordynglye in the Citie of London; wherefore thynckyng it requisite that both lyke syngnyfycacon of thanckz gevyng and the followyng of soe good an example shoulde be alsoo declared in this Citie, beyng the seconde Cittie of the realme; we have thought good to require your L. to take ordre with yowr Brethren and your compaynes, as in suche cases haith bene used, to be present at the sermon in the Mynster to morrowe half hower after noone of the clocke with greater concourse then is comonly accustomed, wherein we thynck ye shall doe very well and to a very good example for the tyme to come. Fare yow harteley well. At York the xvijth of Novembre 1571.

your lovyng frends
Edm. Ebor.
Thomas Gargrave.
Matth. Hutton.

(*fo.* 265b). Apon the readyng of whiche lettre it was aggreed that my Lord Mayour and Aldermen shalbe to morrowe, beyng Sonday, at the Mynstar in skarlett, the Sheryffs and xxiiij in crymson and all other Citizens in their best and most decent apparell to heare the sermon; and also to gyve laude and praise to Allmightie God for the great and notable victorie latly obteyned by the Christians ageinst the Turkes.

fo. 266. **Inhabitants of Ripon to pay toll.**

Punishment of a Swindler.

7 December 14 Elizabeth (1571). *Present*—Gregory Peacock, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of xxiv.

Lawrens Grene, beyng solicytor for certayne sewts concernyng this Citie for distresses taken for toll dependyng in sewte before the Queenes majesties Counsell in the North parties, opened the said causes, wherapon it was nowe agreed that Thomas Londesdale shall take tolne of all suche the inhabitants of Rippon as shall buye and sell within this Citie accordyng to our chartre.

For asmoche as Thomas Brigham of this Citie, barbar, is presented by the serchars of that occupacon for sellyng and caussyng to be solde dyverse cakes of white waxe with rossell and turpentyne to the greate deceipte of the Queenes people, whiche is nowe further proved to be trewe as well by his owne confession as otherwise. Therfore it is fully aggreed that the said Thomas in example of others shalbe sent to prison there to be untill tomorowe at seven of the clock, and than he to be caried frome thens unto the Pavement and sett apon a scafold in open market, there with a papir on his

[2] This would be the victory over the Turks at Lepanto in October, 1571.

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forehead written in great letters with theis woords folowyng—*This is for myxing white waxe with rossell and turpentyne togither and puttyng the same to sale for good waxe, to the great deceipte of the Queenes subjects.* And he to have twoo cakes of waxe hong on hym, one behynde and another before; and soo to contynewe there untill one of the clock in the after noone, and than to be had to prisone ageyne, there to remayne untill suche tyme as furthere ordre shalbe taken for hym.

fo. 267. **Request from one of the City Waits.**

12 December 14 Elizabeth (1571).

A bill exhibited to my Lord Mayour by Arthure Hodgeson, one of the waites was nowe redde, requyryng that his honour wold stand his good lord and frende concernyng his apprentis, that he mignt exercise with hym and his other twoo felowes waites one of the foure instruments belongyng to this Citie and to have a cote etc. for the worship of this Citie; and that it should not be hurtfull to his other ij felawes and that he wold not clayme any part of wages or customes within the said Citie[1].

fo. 271b. **Dyers' Ordinances.**

Item yt ys ordeyned that wheras the diers of this Cytie have used in all tymes past yearly to chose ther searchers on the morowe next after the Epiphanye of our Lord God, it is nowe agreed by the Lord Mayor and thes present and by thassent of the whole occupacon that they shall yearly from hensforth upon Saynte James daye choose twoo honest, able men to be searchers.

Item that none of the saide occupacon shall nether take nor kepe any shoppe, but onelye in his owne house, where he dwellyth.

Item yf anye of the saide occupacon shall herafter fynde himself greved for not having the sight of anye article in there Ordynall that than everye suche person shall from tyme to tyme upon request by hym mayde to the searchers have the sight of any artycle in ther sayde Ordynall.

(*fo.* 271b). Item yf any maister of the saide occupacon being warned by theire searchers to come to there common assemble at ther place accustomed for the weale and profyte of their sayde occupacon and maketh default and having no reasonable excuse shall forfayte thre shillings fowerpence.

(*fo.* 272). Item yt ys ordeyned that the tapitars by their serchers shall paye to the serchers ofthe dyars fyve shillings yerely upon Corpus Christi even at three of the cloke at after none within the layte chappell upon Ouse brige[2].

[1] This was agreed to.

[2] For dyers' ordinances see *York Memorandum Book*, I, 112-115. *York Civic Records*, I, 20.

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fo. 1a. **Installation of the New Mayor.**

St. Blaise Day 3 February 14 Elizabeth (1571-2). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall; after proclamacon made the serchers rolle was redde, and Maister Gregory Pacok, late Mayour, did take his leave of the Commons there assembled, than the newe Mayour satt downe and tooke his oath of mayouraltie. And after that the Aldermen, Shireffs and the xxiiij and alsoo the Esquiers at Sworde and Mace and all thother officers at Mace (excepte William Beckshawe) took their oathes accustomed. And than the Commons took their oathe.

Alsoo were appoynted auditors to sitt apon thaccompts of the said Maister Gregory Pacok, late Mayour, his Chamberlaynes and Brigmaisters.

fo. 3b. **Against eating meat in Lent.**

10 March 14 Elizabeth (1571-2). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 11 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that inquirie ageinst eatyng of fleisshe in Lent shalbe made by the wardens of every warde at their places accustomed (excepte onely Bothome warde to be at St. Martyne churche in Conystrete) on Moneday next after mid Lent Sonday at three of the clock in the after none; and the precepts shalbe made owt to the Sheryffs for impanellyng of iiij juryes for the said inquyries.

fo. 4b. **The Council in the North orders stricter carrying out of the Laws. The text of the Pater Noster Play.**

14 April 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

By the Quene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you well; forasmoche as dyverse and sundry inconvenientices dooth moche aryse and encrease through our realme aswell by reason that our Justics of peace, whome we specyally putt in trust with the good ordre of our subjects and execution of our lawes, be very negligent and disobeyed, but the evil sorte of people be permytted to runne headlong frome falt to falt and frome vice to vice and frome one disordre to another in suche sorte that the evil so moche increase, for lack of reformacon, that the good subjects waxe affrayd of theym; and herof we have thought good to gyve youe this admonycon to move youe to be carefull and vigilant for the good and dewe execucon of your offices, for and in the preservacon of good order and quiet emongs our lovyng subjects; and for the dewe execucon of certayne matters and lawes specified in certayne articles herwith sent yowe, and

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bycause we wolde be certified from our Counsell in the North at the least every fyve or six weeks ones of the state of our contrye and of your diligences and dewe execucon herof, we will that ye faile not to certifie at the least every fyve weekes once to the Lord President or Vice President of our Counsell in the North parties, aswell the state of the contry aboute you and of all other matters that may tende to any generall or great troble or disquiet as also of the dewe execucon of thes articles. And our pleasure is that ye shall assemble your selfs together and devide yourselfs into severall lymytts, to (*fo.* 5) thentent ye may both the bettar execute your dewties in the premysses and understand the state of the contrey.

Yeven under our signet at Nostell the xijth day of Aprile (14 Elizabeth).

And by hir Counsell.

Articles to be dewly executed by the Justics of peax

First suche as dwell nighe any porte, creike or haven to take ordre that suche straungers and others as either shall intend to passe over sea in any shipp or shall land and come from beyond the seas, if they be not knowne merchaunts and good subjects, be well and straightly examyned of the causes of their travell, and unlesse good and true matter fall owte for theyme, and that there is good and just causes of their travells, the parties so travelyng to be stayed in salftie, and advertisement made of theym and of suche matter as falleth owte upon examynacon or suspicyon to the L. President or Vice President and Counsell in the North parties, who shall ageyne advertise yowe what is further to be done therin. Lykewise for avoydyng and stay of the caryage abrode of false newes, rumours and of false practizes and messags from rebell to rebell and to and frome their adherents and other evill people, of intent to troble the good quyet of this realme and the good and true subjects, that ordre be taken in all markett townes and other places that all passingers and travelers aswell strangers as others havyng noo just and knowne occasion of their travell, and all vagabonds and valiant gangrells[1], unlawfully traveling abrode, as well men as women, withowte lawfull warrant, shalbe in all places stayed, well and straitely examyned by yowe, our Justics of peax, and the vagabonds or gangrells strictly and severely punnysshed and ordred, accordyng to the statuts and lawes, and thothers ymprisoned and bound with good suerties to appere before the Counsell in the Northe or at thassises as occasion shall requyre. And if ye fynde any matter either very doubtefull or worthie of advertisement, that ye advertise the same to our said Counsell with all convenient spede (*fo.* 5b).

Also that the statuts ageinst vagabunds and valiant beggars and for the releif of the poore be with all diligens sharpely and severely executed without omyssion or dilay.

[1] A gangrell was a wandering beggar; the tramp of today.

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Also that all superfluous alehowses be avoided and none to be suffered to be kepte at outesydes or in corners, but the same to be in the townes and open stretes thereof, and none suffered to kepe alehowses but suche as be of honest and good conversacon, and upon good bond, with sureties for kepyng of good order in the same; and that ye enquyre every moneth once in every wapentake of the defalts of the said Alehowses.

Also that ye take ordre for the usyng of archery and the avoidyng of all unlawfull games and to make diligent inquyre therof.

Item that all inventours and spreaders of rumours be enquyred apon and very strictly used accordyng to the lawes.

Also that all riott, rout, unlawfull assemblies, affrayes and all other breches of the peax be well enquyred apon and spedely without dilay repressed and punysshed as well in market townes, faires and great assemblies as in all other places.

Also that ye see to the dew execution of the statuts ageinst forstallars or regratours and engrossers, and ageinst the cariage of corne and grayne over the sea; and ageinst tannars, coriers, shomakers, who at this present moche abuse the people in prices of their wares.

Also to call upon the tounships for the dewe execucon of the statuts for highwayes.

Fynally that ye take the best and straitest order ye can to avoide unlawfull conventicles, confederat metyngs and conspiracons of the evill or suspected, and apprehend thoffendars if any be. And if occasion shall appere of any matter of danger or ymportance ye shall with all spede therof advertise the L. President or Vice President of our said Counsell in the Northe.

(*fo.* 6) After which Commyssion and articles openly redd and considered it was aggreed that for the more spedy and dewe execucon of the contents therof; first, the constables and iiij, vj, viij or xij or moo of the discret and honest persons of every paroche within this Citie shalbe called before the wardens of every ward at their wardens court to be holden on Wedynsday next, and soo to be orderly charged with dewe execucon of the said statutes by discrecon of the said wardens; and like wise the gentlemen and also the constables and iiij, vj, viij or xij or moo of the discrete and honest persones of every toune in the Aynstie to be comanded to appere before the said Commyssionars at the Common Hall of this Citie on Fryday next at viij of the cloke before none, and there to be likewyse chardged with diligent execucion of the said articles accordyngly; and that precepts shall be made forth for warnyng the said constables and others aforenamed to appere before the said Commyssionars[1].

[1] The names of the constables and honest persons appointed to carry out these articles are given on folios 7 to 8a. In the Ainsty folios 9 to 10.

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And further it is aggreed that my Lord Mayour shall send for the Maister of St Anthonys and he to bryng with hym the booke of the play called the Pater Noster play, that the same may be perused, amended and corrected. And that my said Lord Mayour shall certifie to theis presens, at their next assemblie here, of his pleasure to be taken therin.

(*fo.* 6b). Item that certificat shalbe made for eatyng of fleisshe that none have offended in any warde within this Citie contrarie to the tenour of the Queenes majesties proclamacon.

fo. 10b. **Provision of Bows and Arrows.**

The City Charter to be taken to London.

21 April 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that warnyng shalbe gyven frome my Lord Mayour in the Queenes name to the constables of every paroche of this Citie, and also to the constables of every township and hamlett of the Aynstie, to chardge every householdar to see that bowes and arrowes be provided and bought for theymselfs, there servants and children accordyng to the statute and accordyng to the Queenes majesties late Commyssion and articles; and precept to be made forth therfor accordyngly.

(*fo.* 11). And further it is aggreed that Maister Belt shall have this Citie charter to London with hym for to demande cognysans of plea for Leonard Alleby, taylar. And that the charge of the said sewte shall be borne at the equall chardges of the Common Chambre of this Citie and of the paroche of Saynt Maries in Castlegate.

fo. 11b. **City matters for the next Parliament.**

Expenses of M.P.s.

30 April 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Dyverse articles for the common weale of this Citie were devised by this worshipfull presens to putt in at this next Parliament, whiche articles herafter ensewe.

First that the proviso for takyng of apprentices may be ordeyned for this Citie as is allready made for the Cities of London and Norwiche.

Item to advertise the Lord Treasurer of the present decaye of the Queenes chantrye tenements in York and Aynstie to hir losse and great defasyng of this Citie, and to see for what reasonable white rent the same may be gotten to the Citie use.

Item to inquyre at Maister Johnsons in Watlyngstrete at the signe of the Read Crosse for Alderman White will; or ells for the book of the same will in Paule's Churcheyard; and to buye the same booke (if apon sight therof) it shall appere to be any comoditie for this Citie.

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Item that the staple of wolle for Yorkshire may be had at York. And nowe it is aggreed that Maister Gregory Pacok and Maister Hughe Graves, Burgesses for this Citie, shall have xx^{li} in their purses at their goyng up to London to this Parliament to be payd to theym by the Chambrelaynes towards their dietts and chardges and for other chardges abowte the said Parliament; and further that the said Burgesses shall have payed to either of theym xiij^{s} iiij^{d} for their mens lyverayes; and they to be allowed for their chardges and dietts, either of theym for his servant and horse every day vj^{s} viij^{d}.

(*fo.* 12). Item it is aggreed that the said Burgesses shall have up to London with theym the litle charter of Kyng Richard the first for Yorkers to be tolne free.

fo. 12b. **Present to Sir Thomas Gargrave and to the Recorder.**

Paternoster Play. Corpus Christi Procession.

Armour to be cleaned.

14 May 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, for that that he is allwayes very beneficyall and frendly to this poore Citie, shall have twoo hoggisheads of gascoigne wyne. And alsoo that Maister William Tankard, esquier, Recordar of this Citie, shall have one hoggishead of gascoigne wyne. And that all the said wyne shalbe provided and bought by the Chamberlaynes of the Chambre chardges with all convenient spede.

Item it is aggreed that the play, commonly called Pater Noster play, shalbe played this yere on the thursday next after Trynitie sonday next comyng.

And nowe it is aggreed that the Sheryffs of this Citie shall ryde with harnessed men the said thursday next after Trynitie sonday, next commyng, accordyng to the ancient custome. And that every Alderman of this Citie shall fynde sex men, wherof iiij to be in white armor and ij in coates of plate; and every of the xxiiij to fynd iiij men, wherof ij to be in white armor and ij with calevers; apon payne that every Alderman and every of the said xxiiij shall pay for every of their men so lackyng iij^{s} iiij^{d} to the Common Chambre of this Citie.

(*fo.* 13). And it is further aggreed that commandement shalbe gyven in my Lord Mayour name to the constables of every paroche of this Citie that they before Trynitie Sonday next shall cawse every householdar to skowre all suche armour as they have or ought to have accordyng to the statuts; and that no armorer of this Citie shall take for skowryng of any corseletts above xij^{d} and for every allmayn revett not above viij^{d}.

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fo. 13b. **New Ropers' ordinance. Repair of Highways.**

Search to be made at Brandsby for Coal.

21 May 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 10 of the xxiv.

Apon the humble supplicacon of the occupacon of ropars, harestars, sivyars and bullars of this Citie it is aggreed that the article herafter folowyng shalbe added to their ordynarie —

That it shalbe leefull to the serchars of the ropars of this Citie to make searche at all tymes of all hempe brought to this Citie to be solde by any stranger, to see whither the same be good stuff and good weight or not; and that all the said hempe shalbe bought and solde in open markett, apon payne that every one that doeth sell any hempe contrary to this article shall forfait for every stone soo solde iiij^{d}.[1]

Alsoo it is aggreed that all wardens within their severall wards shall cause their highe wayes and pavements to be repared; and that woorkmen shall be sett on worke to amende the same; and the chardges therof to be payed for by the Chambrelaynes of this Citie.

Alsoo it is aggreed that all thois that doo dwell apon Ousebrig or Fossebrig shall before Witsonday next stoppe all suche hoales abowte their howses, wherby as they cast any ramell or other filth into the ryver.

(*fo.* 14). Item it is aggreed that there shall noo keles or catches lighe at the stathe except they have twoo good fendars of wood.

And further it is aggreed that Maister Birkby, Sheryf, Maister Criplyng, Maister Robynson and Maister Trewe shall before Trynitie sonday next goo to Maister Cholmeley of Brandisby and take a man of knowledge with theym for the fyndyng of coales; and they to see if that there can be gotten any coales within the lordship of Brandisby with labour; and they to conferre and talk with Maister Cholmeley for to have a leas of the said grounde if that they doo like well of the same.

fo. 15. **Pater Noster Play. A Lady Surgeon.**

2 June 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the pageant maisters of suche pageants of certayne occupacons of this Citie as shalbe occupied in Pater Noster play or for the shew this yere, and alsoo twoo other honest men of the same occupacons shall goo togither with their owne pageant and attend apon the same and see good ordre kept.

And forsomoche, as it apereth, that Isabell Warwike hath skill in the scyens of Surgery and hath done good therin, it is therfore aggreed that she, apon hir good behaviour, shall use the same withowte lett of any the surgians of the same.

[1] For ordinances of the Ropers see *York Civic Records*, V, 62; 82.

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And nowe was appoynted places for hearyng of Pater Noster play on thursday next viz. the first at Trynitie gate, the seeunde at Maister Henryson hows, the thirde at John White hows, the iiijth at the east end of Ouse bridge at George Aslaby dore, the vth betwene Thomas Parker and Robert Brooke howses, the vjth at Henry Pulleyn hows, the vijth at the Common Hall gates, the viijth at William Gilmyn hows, the ixth at the Mynstar gates, the xth at Maister Birnand hows, the xjth at Goodramegate corner, the xijth at John Wightman corner, the xiijth at Maister Harbert doore and he to pay therfor iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

fo. 15b. **Repair of Ouse Bridge. Two Aldermen refuse to be present at Pater Noster Play.**

5 June 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Chambre at the Common Hall gates. For so moche as Walmesley, freemason, is come to this Citie to see what reparacons is there to be made, and bycause it is uncertayne whan he can be gotten hither ageyne, it is therfore aggreed that he shall now with all convenient spede repare Ousebridge where nede is, and he to be payed for the same reparacons frome tyme to tyme by the Chamberlaynes.

Alsoo it is further aggreed that for as muche as Maister William Beckwith and Maister Christopher Harbert, Aldermen of this Citie, this present day have disobeyd the comandement of my Lord Mayour whan as he did the same day in this place commande the said Maister Bekwith and Maister Harbert to assocyate and assist his lordship at the tyme of playeng of the Pater Noster play, whoo then and there refused the same and wolde than have departed frome this place; wherapon the said Bekwith and Harbert by thadvise and consent of this worshipfull presens are nowe comanded to warde there to abide duryng my Lord Mayour pleasure.

fo. 16 **Proposed alteration in Mayoral Election.**

The case of the two Aldermen.

7 June 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Mr. Bell shall have up to London with hym the chartre or decree for ellection of the Mayour, Aldermen, Sheryffs within this Citie to be reviewed and to be added and putt in the same, that all thois that have bene Shireffs of this Citie commonly called the xxiiij shall have voices for election of the Mayour, Aldermen and Shireffs of this Citie.

Alsoo it is aggreed that whereas Maister Bekwith and Maister Harbert, Aldermen, weare in warde, by the comandement of my Lord Mayour, for their disobediens to his Lordship, it is nowe ordered that they shalbe discharged of their imprisonment imediatly.

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And for so moche as the said Maister Bekwith and Maister Harbert, Aldermen, beyng nowe demanded if they be content to abide thordre of this hous for their disobediens to my Lord Mayour and other their offences by theym latly commytted contrary to the ancient ordynaunces of this Citie, did obstynatly and disobediently refuse to abide any their said ordre: therfore it is agreed that the said Maister Bekwith and Maister Harbert shalbe utterly disfranchised and no more to occupie as free men of this Citie.

fo. 16b. **Submission of the two Aldermen.**

23 June 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 14 of the xxiv.

Maister Harbert personally came before theis presents and did humbly submytt hymself to abide the ordre of the Lord Mayour and this worshipfull assemble for his disobediens to his Lordship and for sewyng hym before the Lord President and Counsell in this North parties, beyng a foreyne Courte, contrary to the ancient ordynauncs of this Citie, be it by fyne or otherwise, and also for admyttyng hym to his freedom ageyne for his said offenses; wherapon it was aggreed that the said Mr. Harbert shalbe restored to his freedome ageyne and he to pay therfor xl^{s} on thursday next in the Common Chambre apon Ouse brig to the hands of the Chambrelaynes; and that he shall from hensforth kepe his place of Aldermanship in all assemblies as he did before the said disfranchisement.

fo. 17. **The Common Council is asked to assent to changes in the method of civic elections.**

27 June 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall togither with a great nombre of the Common Counsell and Commons, the Lord Mayor requested of theym there consents to be had for renewyng of the chartre or decree for election of the Mayour, Aldermen, Shireffs etc. of this Citie, and theis poynts folowyng to be added and putt in the same. That is to saye: first that thois whiche have bene Shireffs of this Citie or herafter shalbe, commonly called the xxiiij may have voices at election of the L. Mayor, Aldermen, Shireffs of this Citie. Wherunto the most of the said Common Counsell and Commons did therunto gyve their full consents

And also where as dyverse of the occupacons of this Citie whoo be nowe of the Common Counsell of this Citie be decayed and of small habilitie; it was therfor further requested theym by the said Lord Mayour that certayne of other the most metest occupacons of the same Citie may be added to be of the said Common Counsell; wherunto the said Common Counsaill and Commons did fully aggree; and that thois occupacons whiche be already of the said Common Counsaill may soo still remayne.

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And it was further aggreed that twoo or three free citizens of this Citie shalbe attornayes for to make sewte for renewyng of the said chartre or decree at the Queenes hand; and they to be authorised under the Common Seale.

fo. 17b. **Report of M.P.s. Sir Thomas White's gift.**

Letter from the Town Clerk of London.

7 July 14 Elizabeth. *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Maister Gregory Pacoke and Maister Hugh Graves, Burgesses for this Citie, beyng newly come home from the Parliament declared unto this worshipfull assemblie what Acts had passed at this Parliament, which, they say, is proroged unto the day next after the feast day of All Saynts next comyng. And as towchyng certayne articles latly devised by theis presens for the common weale of this Citie, whiche the said Burgesses had up with theym to putt into the Parliament, they shewed that the chardges about sewte of any one thyng for a Citie wold stand in xx^{li} and more whiche they durst not attempt to doo withowte further consent of this hows.

And the said Burgesses brought home a breif note of the yeres that the cities and townes have to receyve Ciiij^{li} by thappoyntment of Sir Thomas White, Knight, of the Citie of Bristowe, in the feast day of Saynt Bartholomewe thapostle in the Merchant Taillors Hall in London; whiche note beyng nowe redde to theis presens they did aggree that it should be entred on recorde in the Citie Registre; and alsoo that the said note shalbe fare written and putt in a table and hong up in the Counsell Chambre apon Ouse brig to the intent that it may be allwayes apparent what yere the said money shall come to this Citie.

Alsoo the said Burgesses brought home a letter from Maister Anthony Stapilton, Towne Clerk of London, directed to my Lord Mayour of this Citie, whiche was nowe redd to theis presens.

(*fo.* 18). To my very good Lord the Lord Mayour of the Citie of York.

After my right hartie commendacons; pleaseth it your Lordship to be advertised that my Lord Mayour of London by thadvise of Maister Recordar doeth entend that this present day where there shalbe a full Court of Aldermen an order shalbe made for the quyetnes of yowe and your Bretherne and others the fremen and citizens of your Citie of York, for their free passyng with their owne wares and merchandizes unto this Citie of London, withowte payeng any tolle for the same; soo as therby other mens goods and merchandizes be not covered under the name of your said citizens goods and so that no forens namyng theymselfs citizens of your said Citie be therby dischardged of tolle to the deceit of this Citie. This order to contynewe untill my Lord Mayour of London and his Brethren shall shewe good and sufficyent matter to the contrary.

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Whiche said ordre when it shalbe made by the Court I will sende yowe the trewe copie therof under my hand. Thus I bid youe farewell. Frome London this first of July 1572.

fo. 18b. **Evil doers to be carted.**

16 July 14 Elizabeth (1572).

Aggreed that William Ropar, marynar, havyng a wif of his owne, and Agnes Jeffreyson, wif of William Jeffreyson, cordyner, for their synne of advowtry by theym latly commytted; and alsoo Katheryne Thomson, widowe, for procuryng and suffryng the said William and Agnes to commytte the said cryme in hir hows as a bawde, shalbe carted all togither abowte this Citie on saturday next beyng markett day. And the said bawde to have a paper written in great lettres declaryng hir said offens, and to be sett apon hir head in example of others.

Demand from Hull. The search for coal at Brandsby. The Archbishop asks for the Pater Noster Play.

30 July 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

My Lord Mayour did declare that he had of late receyved a lettre frome Maister Mayour and certayne of the Aldermen of Kyngeston apon Hull, wherby they demande to have money of the Citizens of this Citie for groundage and jettage at Hull. Wherapon it was nowe agreed that Maister Recordar havyng first a sight of the Citie charter to see if there be any woords therein to avoide the said exaccons, and therapon if he thynk good we to stand to tryall and sewte with the said Mayour and Aldermen of Hull if they chanse to attempte any sewte therin.

Alsoo it is aggreed that on Wedynsday next commyng Maister Birkby, Sheryf, Maister Criplyng etc. shall ryde to Brandisby to Maister Roger Cholmley to talke with hym, and to take suche order for his coale grounde as they apon their said talk shall thynk good; and that in the meane tyme the sekar of the coale pitts that was there before shalbe sent for to mete with theym there.

And nowe my said Lorde Mayour declared that my Lord Archebisshop of York requested to have a copie of the bookes of the Pater Noster play. Wherapon it was aggreed that his grace shall have a trewe copie of all the said bookes even as they were played this yere.

fo. 20b. **The Act for Relief of the Poor to be administered.**

29 August 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 8 Aldermen.

An Act made at the last Parliament[1] for the punysshment of vacabunds and for the releif of the poore and impotent was redd

[1]This is the Act of 1572.

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and perused. Wherapon for dewe execucon of the said Act it was aggreed that the wardens of every warde shall on moneday next at one of the clock in the after noone of the same day shall have before theym at their places accustomed all maner of aged, pore, impotent and decayed persons within their severall wards, and to take a note of their names, and to take ordre therin accordyng to theffecte of the saide Acte and to make reporte of there doyngs therin to the Lord Mayour on fryday next.

Alsoo it is aggreed that Mr. Harbert, Alderman, Mr. Maskewe and Mr. Dyneley, Aldermen, shall mete at Marston on wedynsday next at viij of the clocke in the mornyng at the church there and to take a viewe of all maner of aged, pore, impotent and decayed persones of the west syde of the Aynsty and to make report to my Lord Mayour on fryday next[1].

fo. 23b. **Price of Ale. Market Hours. The Waits dismissed.**

20 October 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 3 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that all the brewars shall sell their ale at the fatt syde for xviij^{d} the soa; and every tiplar to sell ale for iij^{d} the gallon and not above; apon payne that every brewar and tiplar doyng contrary to this order shall apon presentment made to the Lord Mayour, forfait and paye xx^{s} to the Common Chambre of this Citie and shalbe dissallowed for brewyng or tiplyng; and that warnyng shalbe gyven therof to all the said brewars and tiplars with all expedicon.

(*fo.* 24). Aggreed that warnyng shalbe gyven to the tolle gatherar apon the Pavement that the market bell shall not be rong on no market day frome hensforth before eleven of the clock; and that the tolle gatherar shall not gather any tolne of any kynde of corne or grayne before the said bell be soo ronge, and that no maner of persones shall buye any kynde of corne or grayne before the said bell be rong.

Item it is aggreed that whosoever shall present any persone or persones for buyeng corne commyng to the market shall have thone half of suche fyne as the statute gyven for his paynes.

For certayne consideracons the waites shalbe called in and their cheynes, cognysances to be taken frome theym and not to serve as waites of this Citie.

fo. 24b. **Order to the Bakers. Revised ordinances of the Locksmiths.**

22 October 14 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

[1] Two other Aldermen are appointed for the east side of the Ainsty.

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Aggreed that all the common bakers shall frome hensforth bake white bread as foloweth, that is to say, thone half to be flatt bread and thother half coppeld[1] bread; or ells that every suche baker that will not bake after that order shall bake all flatt bread.

(*fo.* 25). Loksmythes ordynancs.

First it is ordeyned that no yron whiche is called landyron[2] be wrought nor putt in no woork of their said craft, but onely in brandrets and ploughstrakes.

Item that no lock be made of grene wood nor of sap, but onely of wood of good season, nor the slotts of lock of dross nor of landyron but of good yron and mete for suche worke and all the other necessaries of yron belongyng to the lock. And that no locksmyth shall make a keye to noo lock by prynte of waxe or in other maner by prynte, or by a keye apon false or feyned suggestion or false colour, but that it may be well and lawfully avowed. And that the serchars of the said craft sworne shall doo dewly their office to that partie and the defalts founde in their said craft lawfully shall present to the Mayour of the Citie. And he that shalbe founde in default contrary to the forme of the said ordynances shall forfaite his false woorke and a great somme of money to the Mayour and an other great somme to the said serchars.

(*fo.* 25b). Item that every man of the said craft shalbe obedient to their serchars and come to theym whan they are warned for anythyng that towcheth the rule or governans of the craft excepte he have a reasonable cause or excuse.

Item that the pageant maisters of the said craft shall warne all the craft as oftymes as they shalbe charged by the said serchars.

Item that no persone of the said craft shall at any tyme take apon hym to sett up and occupie as maister in the said craft before he make an hablyng pece woork wherby he may be knowne to be a woorkman of the craft.

Item that no man of the said craft shall woork noo other mens servants nor apprentices nor jornayman unto suche tyme as he be clere of his said maister apon dewe profe therof made.

Item that no maister of the said craft shall take any apprentice for lesse terme than seven yeres and the viijth yere to be hyered as his maister and he can aggree.

(*fo.* 26). Item if any alien come to this Citie and will occupie as maister he shall pay at his first settyng up accordyng to the statute.

1 "Coppeld" bread; cuppelled, a round loaf.

2 "landyron"; andiron, a fire-dog. "brandrets"; a brandreth, a gridiron, tripod or trivet of iron. "ploughstrakes"; a piece of hoop iron for strengthening or repairing the plough. N.E.D.

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Item that every man of the said craft that shalbe founde rebell or disobedient unto his serchars shall lose xij^{d}.

Item that no foreynar or stranger whiche shall bryng any kynde of woorke belongyng to the said occupacon of loksmythes to this Citie shall sell the same in any place but onely in open fayre or market; to pay xx^{s}.

fo. 27. **Yule and Yules Wife.**

21 November 15 Elizabeth (1572)

To our lovyng friends the L Mayour and Aldermen of the Citie of York.

After our hartie commendacons. Where as there hath bene heretofore a very rude and barbarouse custome maynteyned in this Citie and in no other Citie or towne of this realme, to our knowlege, that yerely upon St. Thomas day before Christmas, twoo disguysed persons called Yule and Yules wife shoude ryde throughe the Citie very undecently and uncomely, drawyng great concurses of people after theym to gaise, often tymes comyttyng other enormyties. Forasmuch as the said disguysed rydyng and concourse aforsaid besyds other inconvenyences standeth also to the prophanyng of that day appoyntyd to holy uses, and also withdraweth great multitudes of people frome devyne service and sermons; we have thought (*fo.* 27b.) good by theis presents to will and requyre yowe, and nevertheles in the Queenes majesties name by vertue of hyr Highnes Commysion for causes ecclesiasticall withyn the provynce of York to us and others directed, straitely to chardge and command yowe that ye take ordre that noo suche rydyng of Yule and Yules wife be frome hensforth attempted or used.

Your lovyng frends,

Edm. Ebor.
Matth. Hutton.
John Rokeby.
Thomas Eymes.
Will. Strickland.
Christopher Ashburn.

Whiche lettre beyng soo redde it was aggreed that no disguysed persons called Yule and Yules wife, nor yet the Sheryffs serjants shall ryde this yere nor any yere from hensforth on Saynt Thomas dey before Chresmas; and that commandement herof shalbe forthwith gyven from my Lord Mayour to the Sheryffs accordyngly.[1]

[1] The reference to the Sheriffs indicates that these characters, Yule and Yule's wife, figured in the Sheriff's riding which took place in the season of Yule. A description of this riding can be found in Drake's *History of York.*

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fo. 29. **Welcome to the new President of the Council of the North.**

The Scaffold on the Pavement.

28 November 15 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

For so moche as it is credably reported that the right honorable the Earle of Huntyngton[1], nowe Lorde President of the Queenes Majesties honorable Counsell establisshed in theis North parties, wilbe here at this Citie tomorowe; it is therefor aggreed that he shalbe met at Miklythbarr by my Lord Mayour and the Aldermen in skarlett, the Sheryffs in their best apparaile and the xxiiij in crymyson, and certayne other of the most honest and substantyall Citizens in their best apparaile, and wellcome his Lordship to this Citie.

And further it is aggreed that the said Lord President at his said repare hither shalbe presented with a tonne of gascoigne wyne, foure douzens of maynebread, twoo loaves of white suger of xx^{li} weighte or there abowts, and twoo gallons of ypoeras of the Chambre chardges; and that the Chambrelaynes shall have warnyng with all spede to provide for the same.

(*fo.* 25). And nowe also it was aggreed that a bill of the chardges for the skafold apon the Pavement, wherapon the late Earle of Northumberland was beheaded shalbe payed by the at discreccon of my Lord Mayour, he callyng the carpentars and Chamberlaynes workmen before hym.

fo. 30. **Additions to the ordinances of the Joiners and Carpenters.**

Present to the Countess of Huntingdon.

12 December 15 Elizabeth

First[2] it is ordeyned that no franchised man nor unfranchised man shall take into his howse any forynar stuff under colour or deceipte nor to ayde the said forynar or to be factour or to buye any stuffe for any other man but for their owne uses, nor buye and sell ageyne any of the said forynars stuff, but that the said forynar or stranger may bryng their stuffe unto Thursday market to thentent that dewe serche therof may be ther made at all tymes as other occupacons doo.

(*fo.* 30b). Item that no man within this Citie beyng joynar carpentar shall have or take any moo apprentices than one, until suche tyme as that one shall have served his apprentiship three yeres at the least, and no moo; soo that he have no moo apprentices at one tyme but twoo, in maner and forme aforesaid.

[1] The Earl of Huntingdon was appointed Lord President in August, 1572.

[2] For ordinances of Joiners and Carpenters see *York Memorandum Book* I. 148-150; II, 277-283. *York Civic Records*. III, 186; V, 112. York City has recently acquired the Ordinal of the Guild.

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Item that no carpentar or joynar within this Citie that takith any mans work by greate[1] or task, and will not fynysshe the same, but goeth to others to work, wherby the party is greved and doeth compleyne to the serchars, and the serchars doo will theym to goo to it as they have done heretofore that they that doeth offende therin shall forfaite and paye suche fyne as is appoynted.

Aggreed that my Lady Maores and hir systars shall goo this day and present unto the Countesse of Huntyngton with suche present as was gyven in present to the Countesse of Sussex at hir commyng to this Citie; and it to be borne of the Chambre chardges.

fo. 31. **Apprenticeship. Pig Market. The Lottery Books.**

19 December 15 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that every maister of every art, scyens, mysterie, craft and occupacon of this Citie when he shall frome hensforth take any apprentice shall bryng in his indenture to be enrolled within one quarter of a yere next after his apprentice shalbe bounde; apon payne of every maister offendyng herin to forfaite iij^{s} iiij^{d} to the Chambre.

(*fo.* 31b). Item it is aggreed that all and every persone and persones whiche shall sell any swyne within this Citie shall sell the same at all tymes herafter on Peaseholme Grene.

Aggreed that Mr. Belt have the xxj^{s} whiche he disbursed for the lottery bookes[2] payed unto hym by the Chambrelayns.

fo. 32. **Ordinances of the Plasterers and Tilers.**

First it is ordeyned that what persone soever he be of the said occupacon of playsterers, tylars and brekelayers that is warned by the searchers to come to their assembles, and cometh not at the hower appoynted without a reasonable cause shall paye xij^{d}.

Item that no maister of the said occupacon shall put any apprentice or servant for to worke ne playsteryng, theakyng or brecklayinge out of his maysters company unles that he be fyrst sene by the serchars and knowne by theyme to be a good workman.

Item that everye maister havyng or that hereafter shall have any apprentice shall bryng in his indentours of apprenticesshipe before the searchers within xiiij dayes next after the makyng of theyme, to thentent the same may be enrolled in the Citie register, and to paye for enrowllynge of every suche indenture xij^{d}, that is to saye, viij^{d} to the Common Clerke and iiij^{d} to the Chamer.

Item that what man soever he be of the said occupacon that withdraweth any maner of good out of any good man or woman, place or places within the said Citie, suberbes and preceynts of the

[1] "greate or task"; paid by the day or by the piece.
[2] See *York Civic Records* VI, 130-136.

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same unto the valewe of iiij^{d} and that proved dewlye shalbe rejecte and put owte of the said occupacon.

Item that foure searchers shalbe yearlye chosen indeferentlye, that is to saye, good and honest men and good workemen of the same occupacon, in the feast daye of Saynt James the Appostle for to serche, oversee and trewlye to present to the Maior all suche defalts and forfayts as he shall fynd; and that every one of the said searchers shalbe lovyng and honest to the other as it becummyth theym to doo.

(*fo.* 32b). Item that no maister of the said occupacon shall take any apprentice for lesse then vij yeares.

Item that the artyfycers of the said craft shall goo with their pageants through the Citie as other occupacons of artyfycers dothe.

Item what soever he be of the said occupacon that shall use hym selfe disorderlye in the common place or at any other of their assembles, after that he be warned of the searchers to hauld his peace and doth not shall forfate iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

Item that no man within this Citie beynge playsterers, tyler or brecklayer, shall have or take any mo apprentices than one untill suche tyme as that one shall have served his apprentisship four yeres at the least and after his foure yeares to take one other (*fo.* 33) apprentice so that he hath no mo apprentics but two.

Item that whatsoever he be that is a forrenar or straynger that shall work within the said Citie of York, or withoute in the suburbes, or within any other liberties of the said Citie, or any other man within the Citie that doth sett hym on work, unlesse he will compounde with the Lorde Mayour and searchers of the said occupacon for the tyme beyng, as oft as the searchers shall take theym, shall bothe, the Master and the said straynger forfaite, either of theym, vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item that whatsoever he be that shall buye any plaister to burne and sell ageyne and is noo tyler shall pay yerely to the pageant maiesters of the said occupacon iiij^{d}.

Item that whatsoever he be that maketh any tyle or brik to serve the Citie withall shall paye yerely to the pageant maisters, every one of theym, iiij^{d} apon payne of xij^{d}.

Item what brother soever he be that shall absent hymself awaye frome the searchers howse on theis ij metyng dayes that they shall yerely frome hensforth make their dynnars apon, and have warnyng to be there, excepte he have a reasonable cause shall paye for his dynnar apon payne of xij^{d}.

Item that whatsoever he be that doth not serve forth his tearme of his indentoures with his Master or with some other brother of the said occupacon within this Citie shall not be brothered amongest the occupacon upon payne of xl^{s}.

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Item that noo forrynar that hathe not bene apprentice within this Citie shall not be free or brothered with the said occupaton under the somme of iij^{s} iiij^{d} accordyng to the Statute therof.

Item that every lyme burner beyng a forreyner shall paye iiij^{d} for his pageant money upon payne of xij^{d}.

(*fo.* 33b). Item that every tylar or plaisterar and bricklayer shall paye their pageant money yerely before Saynt James daye when the play is played whansoever they shalbe demanded by the pageant maisters upon payne of xij^{d}.

Item that twoo maiesters of the said occupacon shalbe yerely chosen equally to govern both pageants of the occupacon.

Item that if any mayster shall at any tyme hereafter discover or disclose any their counsell or secrets that shalbe talked among theym at any of their assemblies or metyngs for the well and profitts of the same occupacon and not hurtfull to the common welthe and it be dewlye proved shall forfayt xij^{d}.

Item if the searchers for the tyme beyng, or any of theym, doe not make due presentment of the articles conteyned in this ordynall or any of theym, and knowing any persone or persones to offend therin or do conceell, with draw or kepe back any money that ought to come to the Common Chambre by reason of any offence of offencs, the said searchers, every of theym, shall forfaite vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item that whatsoever he be that shall burne any plaister and put lime emongs the same, and do sell the same within this Citie or suburbs therof shall forfayte every tyme vj^{s} viij^{d}.[1]

fo. 35. **Stricter Administration of the laws ordered.**

22 December 15 Elizabeth (1572). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

The Queenes majesties Commyssion with certayne articles therin closed weare redde, the tenour wherof foloweth woorde by woorde.

By the Queene.

Trustie and welbeloved wee grete yow well; and forasmoche as there is sundry good lawes made and established in this our realme, as well for the use of devyne service and thadmynistracon of sacraments as for the repression and a reformacon of all suche evills and inconvenyencs as most commonly truble and break the quyet and good order of our lovyng subjects within this our realme, whiche, by the negligence of yowe, our Justics of Peace, do remayne unexecuted, to the perill and trouble of the whole contry, as by the late doyngs and offences may appear, and the same disorders like to contynue and encrease to the great perill of this our realme and

[1] For ordinances of Tilers and Plasters see *York Memorandum Book*, I, 59; II, 126-128. *York Civic Records*, III, 179.

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hurt of our lovyng subjects, yf remydy be not provyded; wherfore considerynge the trust we have reposed in yowe, we have thought good rather by gentle admonycon then due correction to will yowe to have bettar regarde hereafter to the dewe execucon of your offics accordyng to the trust reposed in yowe, to look well and diligently herafter to the charge commytted unto yowe, and specyally at this tyme that ye furthwith upon the receipt of theis our lettres do devide yourselfs and in your severall devesions with all diligens and carefulnes see dewly executed as parcell of your charge the articles herunto annexed and all other your charge for the quiet and good order of our good subjects; and of your doyngs therin that ye fale not to certifie to our right trusty and right welbeloved cosen, Henry Erle of Huntyngton, Lord President of our Counsell in the North parts (*fo.* 35b.) or in his abscence to the vice president and the rest of our said Counsell there the last day of January nowe next commyng, and soo monethlie every moneth once untill ye shall have further knowledge of our pleasour. Faile ye not herof as ye tender our pleasour, the due execucon and spedy accomplishment of the premysses, the advancement of God's glory, our service, and will answere to the contrary. Yeven under our signett at our Citie of York the xxj^st^ day of December.

And by hir Counsell.

First that yowe enquyre and trewly withowte favour or affection certifie the names and dwellyng places of all knowne or suspected papists within your rule and chardge, the enemyes of God and good ordre; and namely of suche as doo not come to the churche to hear devyne service and sermons, accordyng to the lawes of God and the common ordre nowe established by the lawes of this realme.

Likewise for the avoidyng and staye of the spredyng abrode of false newes and sedicyouse rumors and of other lewd practesses and secrete messages sent frome some of the late rebelles to some of their adherents and other evill disposed people suspected of papistry, and discontented subjects, dislikyng of the State, of intent and purpose to troble the good and common quyet of this our realme and the good and quyet subjects thereof, that order be taken in all market townes and other places that all suspected passyngers and travylars, as well strangers as others havyng noo just occasion of their travaile; and all vacabunds and valiant beggars and rogues to be punysshed with severitie and celeritie accordyng to the late Statute made and provided in that behalf; and that ye doo likewise provide for the releife of the pore, aged and impotent, that they may be releived accordyng to the good meanyng and trewe intent of the late Statute; and that yowe certifie us within one moneth of your doyngs and provydyng herin.

Also that all suspicious alehowses be avoided and none be suffred to be kept at any outsydes of townes or in corners, but the

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same to be in townes and open stretes therof; and none suffred to kepe alehowses but suche as be of honest conversacon and upon good bond with suerties for kepyng good ordre in the same; and that ye do inquyre and certifie every moneth of the defaults and disorders commytted in the said alehowses.

(*fo.* 36). Alsoo that ye take ordre for the mayntenans of artillary, that the laudable and allowed exercise of shootyng with the long bowe may be used, and butts made and used accordyng to the good lawes of this realme; and therby other unlawfull games be not soo comonly used as theybe, and this lawfull exercise the more used for the bettar defens of this realme.

Alsoo that yowe take the best and straitest order yowe can devise to avoide unlawfull conventicles, confederacions, metyngs and conferrencs of evill and suspected persones, and namely of such as have bene in the late rebellion and have not their pardons, and that yowe doo certifie unto us of their names.

Also that yowe doo feithfully and diligently enquyer and certifie unto us of suche as ware in the late rebellion and have obteyned pardons, howe syns their pardons they have behaved theym selfs, and doo behave theym selfe, to the service of God and the obediens of the lawes of this realme, and howe they confirme theyme selfs to all other the servics of this realme.

Also that yowe doo with fidelitie and dexteritie truly certifie the names of suche persones as doo occupie the lands and howses that late weare belongyng to any of the late attaynted rebells, and that also yowe doo likewise certifie the names of all suche persones as be fugityves and fledde owte of the realme for religion or any other cause or notoryouse cryme, and of suche as doo lurke and be kept in secrett in any hows, towne or other placs; and in whois howses they be soo kepte and maynteyned; and that yowe doo forthwith apprehend the said malefactors and bryng theym in saif custodie to the Lord President or Vice President and others of our Counsell nowe resiant at our Citie of York.

And alsoo that yowe faile not to enquyre of theym that doo kepe reteynars and namely suche as doo receyve any of the Queen's servants or tenants; and that ye doo spedily advertise us as well of the names of suche as doo receyve any suche as alsoo the names of suche persones soo receyved that was in the late rebellion and have not pardons, and the names of theym soo reteyned.

(*fo.* 36b). After whiche Commyssion and articles beyng openly redde and considered it was aggreed that for the more spedy and dewe execucon of the contents therof, first, that aswell the churchewardens and swoorne men as also the constables and iiij, vj, viij or moo of the discrete and honest persones of every paroche within every warde of this Citie shalbe called before the wardens of every ward at their places accustomed on moneday next, and to be

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orderly chardged with dewe execucon of the said articles[1]. Further that warnyng be gyven to all collectors for the poore of every paroche of this Citie to bryng in all their bills of assessements of the money for the poore on moneday next to thentent that further order may be taken therin. Moreover that warnyng be gyven to bryng in in wrightyng the names of all brewars and tiplars[2].

(*fo.* 37). Aggreed that comandement shalbe gyven undilayedly to all constables of every paroche to chardge every householder to make clene before their doores every saturday at night and to cary away the filth or myre soo that no filth or myre remayne ther apon any sonday in the mornyng.

fo. 46b. **Encroachment on City land. The Fish Landing.**

5 January 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present.*—William Allen, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that John Hawton, constable of Allhallowes apon the Pavement and one of the constables of St. Petre the lytle, with a laborer shall goo in peaceable maner, and the laborer to break open the gate and wall in Petre lane litle and a particon whiche is made of the common grounde of this Citie soo farr as the same doeth stand apon the common grounde of this Citie, whiche is joyned on the backsyde of my Lord Mayours hows.

Alsoo it is aggreed that Mr. Andrewe Trewe shall have to hym and his heyers a pece of waist grounde ligheng at the backsyde of his hows at the east end of the north syde of Ouse brig commonly called the fysshe landyng[3]; and he to make a sufficyent landyng place and way for the fysshemongars there. And he to pay therfor yerely to the Chambre xvj^{d}.

fo. 47. **An Alderman submits. Civic Elections.**

15 January 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present.*—William Allen, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 13 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall; Mr. William Bekwyth, Alderman, who was latly dissfranchised, personally came before this worshipfull assemble and the Councill of this Citie and did humbly submytt hym self to abide the ordre of my Lord Mayour and this hows for his desobediens to his Lordship, and for sewyng hym before the Lord President and Counsell in theis Northe parties beyng a forreyne court ageinst the ancient ordynance of this Citie, be it by fyne or otherwise, and also for his admyttans to his freedome

[1] This is to be carried out in the Ainsty as well as in York.

[2] Folios 38-43 contain the names of those of each parish who are to make the enquiries.

[3] The little staith or quay on the east end of Ouse Bridge, on the north side, represents this ancient landing. The roadway down to it out of Low Ousegate is one of the Common Lanes, public rights of way, of the City.

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ageyne for his said offenses. Wherapon it was aggreed that the said Mr. Bekwith shalbe restored to his freedome ageyne, and he to paye xl^{s} for his fyne. And the said Mr. Bekwith shalbe restored after he have taken his oathe to kepe the place of Aldermanship in all assemblies as he did before his said dissfranchisement, whiche Mr. Bekwith beyng now called took his franchised oath and he to contynewe his brotherly love.

And nowe it was aggreed that the chartre or decree of eleceon of the Mayour, Aldermen, Shereffs, etc., shalbe renewed, and to be added and putt in the same that thois that have bene Shereffs of this Citie, commonly called the xxiiij, shall gyve[1] voyces at the said eleceons.

fo. 48b. **A list of law-breakers.**

21 January 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

The bills of presentments, latly brought in aswell by the constables, churche wardens and sworne men of the Citie as of the Aynstie were nowe perused and nootes made of all suche persones as shalbe certified by the Lord President and Counsell, accordyng as my L. Mayour and his brethren, Aldermen, are charged by the Quenes majesties Commyssion and articles, and that certificat therof shalbe made accordyngly with all convenient spede.

fo. 49. **A man restored to his franchise.**

23 January 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

And nowe Bryan Maxwell, who latly was disfranchised for that he heretofore beyng commanded by my Lord Mayour to fynde suerties for kepyng of the Queenes peace ageinst William Spence alias Snowe, whiche Maxwell did departe away and putt in noo suerties, but went to Mr. Thomas Eymes, beyng a foreyne justic and putt in suerties therfore before hym in contempt of the said Lord Mayour, and contrary to his franchised oath, personally came and did humbly submytt hymself to his fyne, whiche by an ancient ordre is xl^{s}, yet apon hoape that the said Bryan will use hymself bettar frome hensforth he shall have xx^{s} remytted of his said fyne.

fo. 50. **Assessments for poor relief.**

24 January 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Thenhabitants of every paroche of Miklythwarde, Bothomwarde and Walmegate warde was nowe assessed for releif of the

[1] Voices, i.e., votes.

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poore and impotent. The names of whiche inhabitants together with the particlar sommes assessed apon every the said inhabitants herafter folowing.

Monkwarde

Saynt Sampson paroche	iij^{s} iij^{d} ob.	(37 contributors)
Trynyties in Goodramgate parroche	ij^{s} ob.	(20)
Pyke parroche	ij^{s} xj^{d}	(10)
St. Maryes in Lathrop parroche St. Hellyns Alhallowes	xx^{d}	(9)
(*fo.* 50b).		
Christ parroche	v^{s} j^{d} ob.	(51)
Saynt Saviour parroche	xvij^{d}	(17)
Saynt Andrewes parroche	vij^{d} ob.	(5)
Saynt Maurice paroche	viij^{d}	(8)

Summa totalis of Monkwarde xvij^{s} vij^{d} ob.

(*fo.* 51b).

Bothome Warde

St. Wilfryds paroche	ij^{s} ix^{d}	(19)
St. Olavs paroche	xviij^{d} ob.	(10)
Belfrayes without Bothome	iij^{d} ob.	(6)
Saynt Michells of the Belfray	vij^{s} x^{d}	(61)
Saynt Ellyns in Staynegat	ij^{s} x^{d} ob.	(31)
Saynt Martyn parroche in Connystrete	iij^{s} j^{d} ob.	(25)

Summa totalis of Bothome Warde xviij^{s} v^{d}

(*fo.* 53).

Walmegate warde

Crux paroche	vj^{s} ij^{d}	(37)
Alhallowes paroche on the Pavement	v^{s}	(32)
Saynt Maries in Castelgate	xxj^{d}	(18)
Peter Layne lyttle	xviij^{d} ob.	(17)
Saynt Laurence paroche with St. Niclas	xvj^{d}	(10)
Saynt Dyonyse paroche	ij^{s} v^{d} ob.	(12)
Peter in the Willowes	vj^{d} ob.	(6)
Saynt Margarets paroche	xix^{d}	(19)

Summa totalis of Walmegate Warde xxv^{s} vij^{d} ob.

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(*fo.* 54b).

Miklythwarde

Trynities in Mikylgate	ij^{s} viij^{d}	(27)
St. Johns at Ouse brig end	iij^{s} ix^{d}	(27)
(*fo.* 55).		
St. Martyns with St. Gregories	ij^{s} iiij^{d}	(19)
Allhallows in Northstrete	xviij^{d} ob.	(19)
Bisshophill theldar with Clementhorp	x^{d}	(7)
Bisshophill newer	x^{d}	(4)

Summa totalis of Miklythward xj^{s} xj^{d} ob.

fo. 58. **Stricter execution ordered of laws against eating meat.**

31 January 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present*—William Allen, Mayor, 7 Aldermen.

By the Quene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well. Where as for the good pollicie of our realme aswell in mayntynance of our Navie and bettar encrease of marrynars and for the releif and conforte of poore fysshermen, as alsoo that there may be more and other kynde of fleisshe, and not for the maynteynans or confirmacon of any olde papisshe supersticyous opinion or error towchyng the eatyng or not eatyng of fisshe or fleshe, on this day or that day, yt is provided by the lawes and ordres of our realme, that not onely in the tyme of Lent, but also on dyverse other dayes to yowe well knowne that flesshe be forborne; we therfor have thought good in putting yowe in remembrance of our said lawes, statutes and ordynances to will and comand yowe that ye furthwith upon the receipt and sight of theis our lettres doo accordyng to your dewties and the trust whiche we have reposed in yowe, take suche order therin that the same lawes may be putt in dewe and bettar execucon than hertofore, they have bene, accordyng to the tenour and effect of the said lawes and statuts, soo as allwayes ye have regard of syckely and aged persones that they be not restrayned but that they for their helthes may have libertie to eate as necessitie shall requyre. And of your procedyngs in this behalf our pleasure and comandement is that ye shall certifie the same to our right trusty and right welbeloved cosyn, Therle of Huntyngdon, Lord President and others of our Counsell in theis North parties, with as moche convenient spede as ye thynke good by your discreccons. Faile ye not the good accomplisshment herof as ye tendre our pleasur, the (*fo.* 58b) common welth and good ordre of our realme and as ye will answere for the contrary. At Yorke the xxxth day of January.

And by hir Counsell.

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After whiche Commyssion beyng openly redde and considered, it was thought good that eyther Mr. Byrnand or Mr. Tankard advise should be knowne about execucon of the said statuts, and therapon to procede with effecte accordyngly.

fo. 60. **Mayor's Day.**

St. Blaise day 3 February 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 13 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall, when and where after proclamacon made, the serchars rolle was redde, and Mr. William Allyn, late Mayour did take his leave of the Commons there assembled, then the newe Mayour satt downe and tooke his oath of Mayouraltie. And after that the Aldermen, Shereffs and xxiiij, and also the Esquiers at sworde and mace and foure of the sexe officers at mace tooke their oathes accustomed; and then the Commons took their oathe.

fo. 61. **Expense of renewing a Charter.**

6 February 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Assembled in the Common Hall togither with the Common Counsell, whan and where for so moche as heretofore it was aggreed that the Citie chartre for election of the Mayour, Aldermen, Shereffs etc. shoulde be renewed, and thois whiche have bene Shireffs of this Citie, commonly called the xxiiij shoulde have voyces at election of the L. Mayour, Aldermen and Shireffs; nowe it was demanded of the said Common Counsell by the Lord Mayour, Aldermen at whois chardges the renewyng of the said chartre shoulde be borne, whether of the Chambre chardges or not, the said Common Counsell aggreed that it should not be borne of the Citie chardges, nor any taxe to be levied, whiche was likewise aggreed to by the Lord Mayour and Aldermen.

Money made by the sale of the City's cloth.

13 February 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Percyvall Brook, Thomas Appleyard, yonger, Robert Brooke and Lawrens Robynson, merchants, personally appered, and they beyng nowe requyred to make undelayed payment of all suche the Citie money for clothe as they are bound to pay by obligacons, alledged that they have not presently there money ready, wherefore they did earnestly request respite of payments. Wherapon it was agreed that if the said Parcyvall, Thomas, Robert and Lawrens do bryng in all their said money at Lamas next at the furdest; viz., thone half at Easter next, and thother half at Lamas next; that than no advantage shalbe taken of the said bonds, or ells the same to be putt in sewte.

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And nowe Mr. Robert Maskewe, Alderman, brought in three obligacons for payment of the Citie cloth money, one of theym is wherby Mr. Harbert, Alderman, Thomas Appleyard, Anthony Pullay, Robert Brook and Laurens Robynson stande bounde to the said Mr. Maskewe and John Dyneley, Aldermen (xij^{li} for payment) lv^{li} viij^{s} v^{d} apon Candlemas day 1571; an other obligacon wherby Mr. Henryson, Alderman, and Percyvall Brook stande bounde to the said Mr. Maskewe and Mr. Dyneley in lij^{ii} for payment of xxv^{li} x^{s} on Candlemas day 1571; and one other obligacon wherby Robert Brooke, Christopher Maltby and Anthony Pullay stande bounde to the said Mr. Maskewe and Mr. Dynely in lx^{li} for payment of xxix^{li} ix^{s} on Candlemas day 1571, whiche iij obligacons were now delyvered in thands of my L. Mayour saifly to be laide up in the cupbord in the Consell Chambre.

(*fo.*63). And nowe ix obligacons of thois xj obligacons wherby dyverse of the Aldermen and Citizens of this Citie stand bounde for payment of the money for the Citie cloth, as appereth by the ende of the booke of Acts in Mr. Gregory Pacoks tyme, weare laide up in thə cupborde in the Counsell Chambre, wherof my Lorde Mayour hath the keye. And as for the other twoo obligacons wherby Mr. Gregory Pacok and Mr. Andrewe Trewe stande bounde for payment of ciiij^{xx} xiiij^{li} at twoo severall dayes, as by the said book of Acts doeth appere, whiche twoo obligacons were delyvered by Mr. Calome to Mr. Allyn, late Mayour; it is nowe aggreed that he shall have warnyng in all expedicon to bryng in the said twoo obligacons soo soone as he cometh home.

Mem. that the said iij obligacons delyvered by Mr. Maskewe to my Lord Mayour are parcell of the said ix obligacons.

Mem. that there was also ij or iij other obligacons and counterpanes of leases of the Citie money with encrease were then also laide up in the said cupborde by my said Lorde Mayour.

fo. 63b. **The City cloth money.**

20 February 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor. Wm. Tancred, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Mr. William Allyn, Alderman, brought in nyne newe obligacons wherby Mr. Andrewe Trewe standyth bounde to the said Mr. Wm. Allyn for payment of the Cytie cloth money bearing date the tenth of Januarye xv Elizabeth, which ix obligacons were nowe delyvered to thands of Mr. Thomas Henryson, Alderman, sayftly to kepe.

And also the said Mr. Allyn did nowe bringe in xiij newe obligacons wherby Mr. Gregory Pacok, Alderman, standith bound to the same Mr. Allyn for payment of the Cytie cloth money, bering date the said xth of Januarye whiche xiij obligacons weare nowe

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delyvered to hands of Mr. Ed. Richardson, Alderman, sayftly to kepe.

Mem. that wheras the said Mr. Gregory Pacoke, Alderman, and Mr. Andrewe Trewe, were heretofore by twoo severall obligacons bound jontly and severally for payment of the somme of ciiij^{xx} xiiij^{li} of the Cytie clothe money at twoo severall dayes by past; the said Mr. William Allyn, Alderman, late Mayor of this Cytie, having the said twoo obligacons in his custodie, hath caused all the said newe obligacons to be maid in consideracon of all the said old bonds.

fo. 64. **The Cloth money.**

23 February 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, Wm. Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Forasmoche as Mr. William Allyn, Alderman of this Cytie of York and late Lord Mayor of the same, had dyverse obligacons delyvered unto him, wherin Mr. Gregory Pacok, Alderman, and Mr. Andrewe Trewe stoode joyntly and severallie bounden unto Mr. Thomas Appleyard and Mr. John Beane, Aldermen, for the true payment of ciiij^{xx} xiiij^{li} at days twoe yeares past, to the use of thee Mayor and Comonaltie of this Cytie, whiche obligacons the said Mr Allyn havinge in his custodie have wythout the assent and consent of his Bretheren, Aldermen, and the xxiiij of this Cytie, delyvered the sayd obligacons to the said Mr. Pacok and Mr. Trewe and also have taken severall newe bondes of the said Mr. Pacok and Mr. Trewe, in his own name, to pay unto the said Mr. William Allyn and his assignes the said somme of Ciiij^{xx} xiiij^{li} at dyverse dayes yet to come, whereof the last day of payment shalbe in the yeare of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth seeventie and nyne; therfore yt ys nowe ordered that the said Mr. Allyn shall furthwith delyver unto the same Mr. Appleyard and Mr. Beane, or eyther of them, their saide obligacons sayf and uncanseled, wherin the said Mr. Pacok and Mr. Trewe was bounden joyntly and severally unto them; or ells imedyatelie to pay the said somme of Ciiij^{xx} xiiij^{li} unto the said Mr. Appleyard and Mr. Beane to the use of the said Corporacion. And the said Mr. William Allyn therunto called, he saide he wold not soo doe, but if that ther be anie matter against him for that matter or anie other he will not aunsweare the same oneles they that feele themselfs greved put in ther bill in wrytinge and then he will aunsweare the same by wrytinge and not otherwise.

(*fo.* 64b). 25 February 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Mr. Hall, Mr. Maskewe and Mr. Graves, Aldermen, and Mr. Cryplinge shall speake with Mr. William Allyn, Alderman of the Cytie, whan he doth come home, and perswade hym, yf they can, to performe the former decree made the xxiij day of this instant

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Februarie; and they to make reporte therof to the Lord Mayor before monday next to thentent forther ordre may be taken therin by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Counsell of this Cytie.

fo. 65. **Recorder's statement about the Cloth money.**

Ultimatum to Allen.

4 March 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Counsell Chambre of the Common Hall. Mr. Hall, Mr. Maskewe, Mr. Graves, Aldermen, and Mr. Criplyng, did declare that they have talked with Mr. William Allyn, Alderman, as touchyng the delyverie of the bonds wherby Mr. Gregory Pacok and Mr. Andrewe Trewe stood bounde for payment of Ciiij^{xx} xiiij^{li} of the Citie cloth money at dayes by past saif found and uncancelled, or ells to make undilayed payment of all the said money, whiche he utterly refuseth still to doo.

And now Mr. William Tankard, Recorder of this Citie, by the consent and assent of my Lord Mayour, his bretheren, the Aldermen, Sheryffs and xxiiij did openly in the Common Hall declare unto the Common Counsell there assembled the wholle circumstans of all the said matter concernyng the delyveryng in and puttyng away of the said obligacons, wherby the said Mr. Gregory Pacok, Alderman, and Mr. Andrewe Trewe stode bounde unto Mr. Appleyard and Mr. Beane, Aldermen, for payment of the somme of Ciiij^{xx} xiiij^{il} fo the Citie clothe money; and it was demanded of the said Common Consell their advyce therin. And the most part of the said Common Consell did speak and answere with one voyce and sayed that they did not well like of Mr. Allyn, Alderman, doyngs in the said matter, and did referre the reformacon and punnyshment therof unto my Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheryffs and xxiiij, whoo therapon did order and aggree that if the said Mr. Allyn, Alderman, will not either bryng in and delyver the said bonds to the said Mr. Appleyard and Mr. Beane, Aldermen, saif and uncancelled before fryday next commyng or ells doo paye the said somme of Ciiij^{xx} xiiij^{li} before the same day, than he to be disfranchesed.

fo. 66. **York to raise 24 soldiers to go to Berwick.**

4 March 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 7 Aldermen.

By the Queene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well. Forasmoche as we perceyve that the inward troubles and dissentions in Scotland do rather, otherwise than we do wisshe, increase than demynisshe, in respecte wherof we have thought it necessarie to forsee to the safety and quiet of our contries and frontors thereunto adjoining, to thend they may be in some good defence ageynst any attempt that may

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aryse and especially this sprynge tyme of the yere; and therfore have resolvid to put in a readynesse a certayne number of good and apte soldyers to be shotte, to be well furnysshed, wherof the most parte to be furthwith put in a readynesse in theis northe parties, of whiche numbre we have appoynted xxiiij to be levied within our Citie of Yorke and the Countie of the same Citie, wherof xvij to be shotte furnysshed with calevers and murryons, and vij with corslatts. And for the specyall trust and confydence we have in your diligencs and upryghtnesse and good service we have appoynted yowe and every two of yowe to be our Commyssioners . . . for the levyinge and preparyng the same numbre of hable persones without any generall or open musters but in the quietest maner ye can, call before yowe the connstables with suche small numbre of the metest, inhabitants to be soldyars as may be the smalest truble and disquiet to our poeple and to electe and put in a redyness the said numbre of the metest persones for our service, and none of theym exced the age of xxvj yeres and that thos appoynted to be for the pyke men be talle and (*fo.* 66b) hable personages and the other for harquibuzers also sett and apte men for that service; and that ye faile not to have theym all in suche a redynesse and in suche ordre and with suche fornature as in a scedule hereunto annexed is lymyted and appoynted, that their may be redye at our said Citie at the furthest upon the tenthe of this instant Marche yf they be called for, or else upon one howres warnynge at any daye after, and so to marche furthe towards our towne of Barwike or suche other place as then shalbe appoynted unto theym. And because the numbre and charge is but smalle we wold ye should in the settyng furthe of theym spare the charge of the porist people at this tyme. Faile ye not herof as we specially trust yowe, and to certyfye your doyngs with the names of the men furnysshed to our right trustie and right welbeloved cosyn therle of Huntyngdon, Lord President of our Counsell in theis Northe parties, with all the spede ye canne, and at the furthest the ix day of this instant Marche. Yeven under our signet at our said Citie iij Marche.

And by hir Counsell.

Furst that every persone appoynted for a harquebuser to have gray frese slopps and jerkyns, shoes, sworde and daggar.

Item every pykeman gray frees slopps, a gascoigne cote therof with shoes, sword and daggers.

Item every soldiour to have v^{s} in his purse.

To have good care of the choise of the soldiours that every of them be good and apte men and betwixt the ages of xxij and xxxvj.

And to foresee that the chardgs be indefferently lade and borne and that the poore be not over charged.

Faile not to execute the premisses with all spede and dilygence and with as small troble to the cuntry as is possible.

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fo. 67b. **Alderman Allen and the cloth money.**

6 March 15 Elizabeth (1572-3). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

Mr. Allyn, Alderman, came in and ther declared that he could not delyver the bonds whiche he had in his keping, wherin Mr. Gregory Pacok and Mr. Andrewe Trewe stood joyntlie and severallie bounden unto Mr. Thomas Appleyard and Mr. John Beane, Aldermen, and declared further that he had taken dyvers other bonds of the said Mr. Pacoke and Mr. Trewe, whiche he thought was sufficient, and that he might lawfullie doo the same, and asked of my Lord Mayor and thes presents whether that he were disfranchised or not, wherunto my Lord Mayour said that yt was agreed that he was disfranchesed onelesse he wold this day eyther bring in the saide bondes, or ells pay the money[1].

fo. 71b. **The Archbishop and the cloth money.**

28 March 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 8 Aldermen.

A letter frome my Lord Archebisshop of York his Grace in favour of Mr. Gregory Pacok, Alderman, requestyng therby my Lord Mayour and his Bretheren emongs other thyngs to gyve him dayes for discharging the debts whiche he oweth to the Citie was now openly redde. Wherapon it was aggreed that my Lord Mayour takyng with hym Mr. Rauf Hall, Mr. Calome, Mr. Henryson and Mr. Dyneley, foure of the Aldermen, shall this present day at after none goo and talk with my said Lord Archebisshop his Grace as touchyng the said matter; and that Edmunde Fale shall attende apon theym and cary with hym the booke of Acts and the bill latly exhibited to my Lord Mayour and his Bretheren by Mr. Appleyard and Mr. Beane, Aldermen, ageinst Mr. Allyn.

fo. 73. **Six soldiers to be made ready for immediate service.**

7 April 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

By the Queene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well. For as muche as we have appoynted a supplie of soldiours to be prepared and putt in a redyness for our service as nede shall requyre besyds those that be nowe allready sent forth, we have therfore thought good to will and commande yowe by vertue of theis our lettres that ye ymmediatly upon receipte therof doo appoynte and putt in a redynes the nombre of sex hable soldiours within our Citie of Yorke and the Countie of the same wherof for corsletts with pykes twoo and for calyvers with murrions fower, without any open or generall musters, and alsoo withowte makyng coots or other apparell for theym untill

[1] On 12 March Allen was formally disenfranchised.

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ye shall have further warnyng therof; and that ye cause to be prepared good and sufficyent armour and furnyture for the said souldiours and also a convenient somme of money for their apparell. And we will that ye shall ymediatly take ordre to have in a perfecte readynes suche sufficyent cariages of horses or others that upon our next advertisement may cary the forsaid armour and pecs from our said Citie (*fo.* 73b) unto our towne of Newcastle upon Tyne there to be delyvered to the said soldyars.

And by hir Counsell.

Post script. Our pleasure is that every soldiar for a corselett shall have a gray frese gascoigne coote, a pare of slops, a pare of short hose and showes, and every soldiour for a calyver to have a jerkyn and slops of the like freese with hose and showes.

It was agreed that John Devowe shalbe franchesed and made a freeman of this Citie for lx^{lb} of corne powder, to be by hym delyvered into the Common Chambre of this Citie.

fo. 74b. **Question of a water-course.**

The cloth money.

9 April 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 8 Aldermen.

Thomas Waynman, cobler, and Alexander Henryson, taylar, personally did appere, and the ordre whiche was made betwene theym in the tyme of Mr. Richard Calome, late Mayour, was now redde and declared unto theym. And therapon the said Alexandre Henryson was contented that he, his heyres and assignes shall suffre all the water or rayne comyng of the ground of the said Thomas Waynman and also all maner of washyngs of disshes and suche lyke water to goo at all tymes frome hensforth forever through the tenement of the said Alexandre Henryson as hath bene accustomed. And nowe it was further aggreed that the said Alexandre Henryson shall make a sufficyent chanell or sewar and an yron grate for that purpose within this sevenight, and that Mr. Greisdale and Mr. Robynson shall goo this after noone and appoynt the place where they thynke most mete for the said suer to be made; and that the said Thoms Waynman imediatly after that the said chanell or sewar be soo made shall in consideracon of all the premysses paye unto the said Alexandre Henryson tenne shillyngs of lawfull englishe money.

(*fo.* 75). And nowe a bill devised by Mr. Recordar and Mr. Byrnand in the names of Mr. Thomas Appleyard and Mr. John Beane, Aldermen, ageinst Mr. Allyn concernyng the puttyng away of the twoo obligacons, wherby Mr. Gregory Pacok, Alderman, and Mr. Andrew Trewe were joyntly and severally bounde to the said Mr. Appleyard and Mr. Beane for payment of the twoo severall sommes of iiij^{xx} xvij^{li} at dayes by past, was nowe aggreed that the same shalbe putt in sewte before the Lord Presedent and Counsell with all expedicon.

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fo. 75b. **Six soldiers to set out for Berwick.**

To our trustie and welbeloved the Maior and Alderman of the Citie of York.

By the Queene.

For as moche as just occasions given to occupie in our service imediatly the numbre of sex soldiors the whiche ye were of late commanded by our lettres to putt in a redynes as a supplie; this is to woll and commande yowe and to aucthorise yowe without delay to cause the same soldyars to be put in a redynes with ther cotes, jyerkyns, sloppes, and cappes of gray frese, with hose, shoes, sword, daggers, corsletts and calyvers furnyshed in suche sort as they fale not, under suche convenyent conductours as ye shall thynk mete, to be at Northallerton upon mondaye next the xiijth of this instant Aprill where we have appoynted Henry Suttell, gentleman, to receyve and conducte theym further to our towne of Barwik; and that every of the soldyers have vj^{s} viij^{d} in money delyvered at Northallerton aforesaid. Faile ye not alsoo to sende imedyatly to our towne of Newcastle upon Tyne the proporcons of armor and furnyture and to convey the same as before is appoynted and chefely the corslets; and for the calevers ye may delyver theym to the soldyars at their settyng furthe as ye shall thynk good; and for the case of carriage that the corslets be caryed thether and there delyvered to the 1oldyars upon the xvth of this present Aprill at the furthest. Yeven under our signett at our Citie of York the xth day of Aprill.

And by hir Counsell.

fo. 77b. **The cloth money.**

4 May 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Mr. Gregory Pacok, Alderman, shalbe bounde to Mr. Thomas Henryson and Mr. Hugh Graves, Aldermen, for payment of all suche debt as he doeth owe to the Chambre and to be payed at suche dayes as the said Mr. Pacok doeth allready stand bond to Mr. William Allyn, to the use of the Mayour and Comminaltie of this Citie in the Counsell Chambre apon Ousebrig and newe bonds therof to be made in forme of lawe and sealed by the said Mr. Pacok accordyngly and therapon the said other bonds to be cancelled.

Also it is aggreed that Mr. Andrewe Trewe shall paye all suche debt as he doeth owe to the Chambre, thone half at Lamas next and thother half at Michelmas next.

And further it is aggreed that the said Mr. Allyn shalbe restored to his freedome withowte payment of any fyne, and he to kepe his place of Aldermanship as he did before; and alsoo that the said Mr. Allyn shalbe dischardged of the sewte ageinst hym before the Lord President and Consell at sewt of Mr. Thomas Appleyard and Mr. John Beane, Aldermen.

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(*fo.* 78). 8 May 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that all the books and accompts for cloth makyng shalbe sought up ageinst the next meetyng of this hows, to thentent that than the same bookes and accompts may be perused, soo that it may be knowne what money for sale of the Citie clothe is yet behynde and unpayed and in whois hands it is yet remaynyng and soo all the same money to be called for with all expedicon.

(*fo.* 78b). 13 May 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 3 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

The bookes and accompts for clothe makyng were nowe perused and therapon it did appere that Mr. Richard Calome, Alderman, doeth owe to the Common Chambre for the fote of his accompt vj^{li} iiij^{d}; and for more receyved by hym of Henry Sysson wif x^{li}. And Christopher Maltby, draper, is likewise indebted for twoo douzens of shepe coton and one wholle cloth of white xv^{li}. All whiche money is nowe aggreed to be brought in and delyvered to thands of my Lord Mayour to the Citie behof with all expedicon.

Mr. William Allyn shalbe called uppon so soone as he cometh home to bryng in an obligacon wherby Parcyval Brook standeth bounde for payment of x^{li} for wollen debt.

fo. 80. **Dirt disposal.**

20 May 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that whosoever shall lay any dong in Hungate enenst the freer wall shall pay for every burden xij^{d}.

Also it is agreed that none shall lay any myer or other fylth at the Puddyng[1] hole, but to cary the same to St. George Closse.

fo. 80b. **Receipt for a Charter.**

22 May 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

My Lord Mayour confessed that he receyved yestarday of Mr. Hughe Graves, Alderman, one of the late Burgesses of this Citie the litle chartre of Kyng Richard the first for Yorkers to be tolne free, which chartre the said Lord Mayour sayeth he hath delyvered to William Cooke to showe for a destresse of his taken at Grymsby[2].

[1] The pudding hole was near the staith below Ouse Bridge.

[2] A note adds, William Cook brought this Charter back and delivered it to the Mayor on 15 June and it "was layde up by John Clerke in the litle chyst in the Chambre".

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fo. 84. **Tilers', Plasterers' and Bricklayers' Ordinances.**

29 May 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 3 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Apon a supplicacon exhibited by thoccupacon of plaisterars, tylars and bricklayers for certayne articles to be added to their ordynanall.

Item that the serchars of thoccupacon of plaisterars, tylars and bricklayers shall have searche of all maner of stuff belongyng to the tylemakers as thack tyle, rigtyle, brick querrers[1] and all maner of stuff whatsoever to be made by the said brick makers and tyle makers to see whether they doo kepe thassise or not accordyng to the statute, and that every one that puttith theym to sale shall paye for every thousand of thack tyle x^{s}, and for every thousand of brick v^{s}, and other tyle after that rate thone half to the Common Chambre and thother half to the said occupation.

Item that the serchars shall have serche of thois whiche shall pave within this Citie and the defaults therof to present to the Lord Mayour.

fo. 86b. **Trading request.**

3 July 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

Mr. Christopher Nelson, gentleman, did make suyte that he might bring westerne[2] coles and lyme to this Cytie by water to sell. Aggreed that the said Mr. Nelson shalbe at libertie to brynge westerne coles and lyme to sell to anie inhabyting within this Citye or suburbes and to lay the same coles and lyme in anye convenyent place.

fo. 88. **Misbehaviour of Saddlers.**

22 July 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, William Tancred, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Gilbert Page, Edward Clithero, James Browne, Ambrose Cooke and William Marsden, sadlers, for mysbehavyng at their assembles in caryeng of a guttor therine upon the serchers wyffs undecently in evill example of all suche lyke offendours shalbe sent to the kydcot and there remayne duryng my Lord Mayours pleasure. And for that the resydewe of the said occupacon have bene at alehowses and taverns on dyvers holy and festyvall dayes in the tyme of good service and sermons it is nowe aggreed that all the said company of sadlers shalbe sent to ward duryng my Lord Mayours pleasure. And also it is aggreed that the said serchers

[1] Querrers; quarrels; here "square bricks."

[2] Query. Coals from the West Riding, as distinguished from Northern coal.

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of the sadlers shall nowe delyver in their Ordynall because that there is dyvers matters therin to be corected and reformed by my Lord Mayour and his Bretherne and to be newly corrected and made.

fo. 89. **General Musters ordered.**

Henry, Earle of Huntingedon, Lord Presydent of the Quenes Counsell in the North parts, Thomas Gargrave, George Bowes, Henrye Gats, Knights, and Christopher Hylyard, esquyer. To the Lord Mayour the Aldermen and Sheriffs of the Cytie of York sendyth gretynge. Forasmoche as we have receyved the Quenes majesties Commyssyon for the generall musters in thes North partes and for the veiwinge and musteringe of all persones with ther horses, armoure and furniture for the warrs, for the execucon wherof we have appoynted to be on Heworth moore upon the xiijth day of this present Auguste at one of the clock at after noune, ther and then to take the mustars and veiwe of all thinhabitants within the Cytie of York and thaynstie within the shyer of the said Cytie of Yorke at viij of the clock in the morning of that day; this ys therefore to requyer you and by vertue of hir Majesties Commyssion to will and command you that ye fayle not to take suche dyrecte and discreate order with all bayliffs and constables within the said Cytie and Aynstie that as well all thenhabitants, sojoners and others receyent and abyding within the said Cytie or Aynstie be and appeare personallie the forsaid dayes, tymes and places before us havinge then and there on mens backs or in ther hands all suche amour and weapon and also to have ther all suche horse and furniture as they and everye of them ar bound to have and keepe by the lawes and statuts of this realme, and further that ye take suche order that everye constable bringe with hym ther constabularies in a rowle or paper, fayer wrytten.

York, ij August 157—.

H. Huntyngton.

T. Gargrave. G. Bowes. H. Gate.

C. Hyldyard.

fo. 89b. **Armour belonging to the City to be asked for.**

5 August 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the L. Presydent should be spoken with as touchinge the armour that the soldyours whiche weare last apoynted for the Cytie and Aynstie had forth with them for the Quens service, and also for the armour that the soldyours of this Cytie had before that they went forth under the conduccon of Sir William Mallorie, Knyght.

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fo. 90.

Death of the Recorder.

17 August 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 13 of the xxiv.

For as moche as Mr. William Tankerd, late Recorder of this Cytie, ys departed forth of this transytorie lief, and that this said Cytie is destitute of a Recorder; therefore it is agreed that my Lord Mayor shall cause warnyng to be gyven unto the Aldermen and Sheriffs and xxiiij, and also to the Common Counsell of the same against the next eleccion of a Recorder at suche tyme as my L. Mayor shall thinke good.

fo. 90b.

The Council in the North institutes an enquiry as to land, horses and armour.

27 August 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

To our lovinge frends the Lord Mayour of the Cytie of Yorke, Sir Robert Stapleton, Knight, and the Aldermen of the same Cytie and to everye of them.

After our hartie commendacions. We have sent you herewith a precepte for the somonyng of a jurie of gentlemen and other substancyall freholders within the Cytie of Yorke and the Countye of the same, to be before youe at suche day and place as ye shall appoynt for thenquyrie, and presentment of certeyne artycles herewith sent unto you; and also a note taken forth of the Commissyon and instruccons for musters to be declared and opened by you to the Juries, when they be sworne. We hartelie pray you to see the same duelie executed and everye artycle to be fullie aunswered in wryghting and subscribed by the Jurie; and if ye perceyve that the said Citie of Yorke and the Countie of the same be not certeynlie appoynted what armour and furnyture they shall keepe and have, we pray you to make a note therof what is convenyent for them to keepe of corseletts and calevers onelie; and we have herewith sent unto you a note of suche horses and furniture as everye one is bound to keepe by the valewe of ther lands and goods and for ther wiefs apparrell. Thus praying you to certifie us of all your doyngs in the premisses we bidd you hartilie farwell. From Yorke this xxiiij// day of August 1573.

Your lovinge frends
H. Huntyngton, Thomas Gargrave, Henry Gate.

fo. 91. Henry, Earle of Huntyngden, Lord President of the Quenes Majesties Counsell in the North parties, Sir Thomas Gargrave, Sir Henry Gate, Knigghts, Rauf Rookebye and Thomas Eymes, esquyers, Commissioners in the Countie of Yorke, by vertue of her Majesties Commissyon under the greate seale of England for order and furnyture of horse and armor in the said Countie and the cities, townes and liberties within the same, to the Sheriffs of the Citie of York and to all the bayliffs, offycers and deputies as well

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within the liberties as without, send greting. Thes are to will and commaunde you by vertue of her Majesties said Commission to viewe and cause xxiiij of good, honest and substancyall gentlemen and of the best freholders within the said Cytie and Countie and liberties of the same to be and personallie appeare before us or some of our assocyats and you at the Common Hall, upon the seventh daye of September next befor nyne of the clocke in the morning of that day, ther to doe and execute that whiche on hir Majesties behalf they shalbe apoynted to doe by vertue of the said Commissyon. And that ye fale not to have then and there fare wrytten the names of all the person soo warned, with this our precept fullie executed, and returned by you, as ye tender hir Majesties service and will aunswere to the contrarie. Yiven at Yorke the xxiiijth of August 1573.

H. Huntyngdon. Thomas Gargrave. Henry Gate.

Artycles to be enquired upon.

1 Furst, howe manie parks be enclosed for deare within the same wapentakes and howe manye myles compasse everie of the same be.

2 Item who be the owners, farmers and occupyers of everye of them.

3 Item what and howe manie horses and maires for brede be kept in everye of the same parks.

4 Item howe manie persons within the same wapentakes ought to have and kepe horses, geldyngs, and furnyture of armour either for ther valewe of ther landes and tenements or for ther wiefs apparrell.

5 Item what horses and furniture every of them doe keepe ther and whether the same be according to the full rate of ther landes or not, and after what rate every of them ought to kepe horse and armor.

6 Item what common armor and furnyture for warres everie towneshipp within the same wapentak hath bene appoynted to keepe by anie former Commyssyon and whether they have and kepe the same accordingelie.

A note of the rats of lands and furnitures of horses and armor to be kept for the same rates.

M li land, sex greate horses with furnyture for demylancs, wherof iij to be stoned, ten geldings or horses for light horsemen with ther furniture.

M marks land, iiij great horses with furniture for demylancs whereof ij to be horses, vj horses or geldings for light horses with ther furnyture.

iiijC li lands, twoo greate horses with funiture for demylancs, iijj horses and geldings with furnyture.

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ijC li lands, one great horse or geldinge with furniture for a demylanc.

C li lands, one horse or geldinge with furniture for a light horse.

M marks goods, one horse or geldinge with furniture for a light horse.

And every temporall person whose wief shall were anie gowne of sylke or anie velvet in lyning or other parte of hir gowne but in pursle or cuf or anie velvet in her kyrtle or anie petycot of sylke or anie bonnet or frenche hood of velvet with brillament[1] paiste or edgs of gold, pearle or stone or anie cheyne of gold aboute her necke or in patlet[2] or other apparrell ys charged as one of a hundreth marks in landes.

fo. 92. **Recorder's Oath**

The Oath perteyninge the Offyce of Recordershippe.

The oath Mr. Wm. Byrnand.

You shall swere that you (duringe the time that ye shall be Recorder of this Cytie of Yorke) shall timelye and indifferentlye gyve your best counsell unto the Lord Mayor of the said Cytie, thaldermen, Sheriffs and all other of the Counsell of the sayme Cytie that nowe ar and hereafter shalbe, and to everye of them in all cawses and matters concerninge the said Cytie and shall come unto the said Counsell of the said Cytie, when as you shalbe requyred unto the sayme by my Lord Mayor or his lyeuetenants, havinge suffycyent warnynge gyven unto you, except that you shalbe letted by sykness or some other speciall cause; and you shall not absent youre self from this said Cytie except it shalbe for reasonable cawses: so helpe you God and holidome and by the whole contents of this boke.

fo 92b. **Election of new Recorder.**

26 August 15 Elizabeth (1573).

The said persens assembled in the Comon Hall of the said Cytye the day and yere afforesaid, togyther with the Commons and Comon Counsell of the same for the eleccon of a newe Recorder of this said Cytye, in the towne and place of McWilliam Tankerd, late Recorder of this same Cytye, deceased; whan and where furst my Lord Mayor opened and declared unto the said presens and Comon Counsell that he wold will theym to elect and chose suche a well learned and wyse man to have the same offyce as wold be here redye to gyve his counsell unto this Corporacon, when and as oft as the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheryffs and Comon Counsell of this Cytye should stand nede of counsell; and also suche one as ys a favorer of the word of God. And (after that done) the said presens effectualye proceding

[1] Brillament, a form of "brillant," sparkling.

[2] Patlet, the broad piece of leather that runs through the top of a headstall.

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to theleccon of a newe Recorder, by the most voyces as well of the said Commons and Common Counsell as by the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheryffes and xxiiij of the Prevye Counsell of this Cytye dyd electe and chose Mr. William Byrnand, esquyer, learned in the common lawes of this realm, to the said office of Recordership during his lyf, as a man must mete, learned, wise and able to serve and have the said offyce in thes partyes for the comodyty and profyte of this Cytye. Whiche said Mr. William Byrnand, beyng nowe sent for, came and openlye before all the said assemble ys therunto admytted and sworn to execute the said offyce as in suche case apperteynyth. And also wheras the said Mr. William Byrnand was and ys of counsell with this Cytye and hayth had therfore one yerly fee of fyve pownds of this same Cytye, yt is nowe agreed and graunted by all the said assemble that the said Mr. Wm. Byrnand shall have the said office of Recordershipe with the fees ther unto belonging during his lyfe, that ys to say, xx marks in money yerely and clothing accustomed at suche days as was paid unto the said Mr. Tankerd, and he to have the same fee frome and imedyatly after the decease of the said Mr. William Tankerd. And in consyderacon therof by the assent and consent of the said Mr. William Byrnernd he frome hence furth not to have nor clame the said fee of fyve pownds nor any parte or parcell therof.

fo. 93. **Digging for saltpetre.**

2 September 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

A Commyssyon under the greate Scale of England auctorisshinge therby therle of Warwik, Maister of the Common Ordynaunce, and William Pelham, esquyer, lyuetenaunt of her said Ordynaunce, authorishing them and eyther of them therby and ther deputie and deputies amongs other things to dig and breake ground in bearnes, stables and other places convenient for salt peter within this realme, as well in the late suppressed abbayes and howses of religion, olde castles, or ells where, bothe within francheses and liberties and withowte, for the makyng of Salt peter for the Queenes ordynans was nowe redde; wherapon it was aggreed that the said deputie and deputies shall digge and breake ground in all places within this Citie and suburbs for the said salt peter except onely in halls, parlours and shoppes; and also they to spare litle howses of poore men there. And further it is aggreed that the said commyssion and also the wrightyng of deputacon of the same shalbe registred in the Citie register.

fo. 96. **Searchers of tanned leather.**

16 September 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 2 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

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Where as John Stock theldar, William Bell, Bryan Tyson, and William Burland, late serchars of tanned leather, weare presented for takyng of money for sealyng of tanned leather insufficyently tanned, and alsoo for takyng of money more than was to theym dewe for scalyng of tanned leather and calf skyns, viz, of Mr. Straker for scalyng viij hydes ix^{s}, of James Garth for that they allowed hym to sell vj hydes whiche ells they wolde have seised as forfaite iij^{s} etc. All whiche late serchars came personally and they, then and there beyng examyned of the same defaults and of there extorcon did confesse the takyng of certayne of the money contrary to the statuts in that case provided, and did submytt theym selfs to thordre of my Lord Mayour and theis presens.

fo. 97. **Records of the Sheriffs' Court to be brought in.**

Findings of the juries on hoses and armour.

25 September 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 1 of the xxiv.

It was aggreed that Mr. Byrkby, the Sheryffs[1] clerk, shalbe called apon to bryng in all the records and bookes of the Sheryffs courts, whiche he hath, and that all the same bookes and records shalbe layed up apon Ousebridge in an hows there apoynted for that purpose, and that a lock and three keyes shalbe made for the said howse; and that my Lord Mayour or the Common Clerk to have the kepyng of one of the keyes and th eldar Sheryf, for the tyme beyng, to have an other keye, and the Sheryffs clerk to have the thride keys to resorte to the same whan nede shalbe.

And nowe the jury latly chardged for inquyrie of horses, armour etc to be kept accordyng to the Statute, who had day gyven unto this day to bryng in their verdite in the Common Hall, beyng nowe called, did appese everyone before theis presens; and bycause they weare not aggreed of their verdite; therfore further day was gyven to the said jury to gyve their verdite before my Lord Mayor and Aldermen, tomorowe at nyne of the clocke before noone apon payne of every one makyng default etc.

fo. 97b. **Provision of armour and weapons.**

9 October 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 3 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that billets shalbe made forth of the rate of armour and weapon of every paroche and rated by the jurie latelye appoynted by the Quenes Commyssion and the said billets to be delyvered to the constables of every paroche and they to charge everye thenhabitants within ther paroche to provyde for ther armor and weapons accordyngelye at ther perills.

[1] It was on this day that new Sheriffs were elected.

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fo. 98. **Claims for tolls.**

13 October 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 3 Aldermen, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Mr. Belt shall carie uppe to London the case betwixt the Cytizens of Yorke for towle and my Lord Archbishop and to take the opynion of the Justics and to call of my L. Archbishop solicitor to be there.

Also yt ys agreed that Mr. Belt shall goo forward with the sewts as touchinge tolnes demaunded of this Cytie and he to have his chargs payed therefore upon his bill.

fo. 98b. **The armour of the City. The President of the Council asks that Nath Street Postern be enlarged.**

26 October 15 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, William Byrnand, 6 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

A note in paper under Sir Thomas Gargrave hand to my Lord Mayor in Mr. Tempest favour, requestyng therby to knowe if my L. Mayour and his Bretherne wold abide thordre of the ij Justics of Assisc and of the said Sir Thomas as towchyng tolne demanded at Wakefeld of certayne the Citizens of this Citie was nowe redde to theis presens: they wold not therunto consent and agree, but to procede with there sewte at London.

And nowe it was aggreed that the soldyars whiche weare sett forth this yere for the Citie and Aynstie shalbe called in with all expidicon, and to knowe of theym what is become of the armour and weapons that they had forth with theym this yere for the Queenes service.

fo. 99. Aggreed for that Mr. Byrkby nowe declaryth that my Lord President willed him to request of my Lord Mayour and his Bretherns that North Strete posterne may be enlarged, soo that my Lord President great horse may passe through the same, it is agreed that the same posterne shalbe enlarged accordyng to his said request and the same to be done of the Common Chambre charges.

fo. 102b. **Rents of Churchyards.**

4 December 16 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the Brigmaisters shalbe frome hensforth dischardyed for collectyng or gatheryng of the rents of certayne Churche yards in this Citie and Suburbes herafter folowyng, that is to say, of Saynt Helens churche yard in Fyshhergate, Saynt Edwards churche yard and St. Andrewe Church yard, for that that the Queenes Majestie havyng bettar right to the same than the Mayour and Commonaltie of this Citie hath solde the same by hir Gracs lettres patents, and now one William Wentworth, gentleman, hath the same in purchase.

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fo. 103b. **Execution of Injunctions in winter time.**

The broken Register. President's escort to Hull.

17 December 16 Elizabeth (1573). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

To our trustie and welbeloved the Maiour, Aldermen and Justics of our peace in our Citie of Yorke and County of the same and to every of theym.

By the Queene

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well; and where by our former lettres and Commyssions with certayne Articles inclosed ye were commanded to make your certificats towchyng the said articles to our Lord President and Counsell in the North at the least every sex weekes once, the whiche as we be informed hath brought some towardnes of quyet and good ordre; and therefore in respect of the shortnes of the dayes, foulenes of the wayes and greate travale of our good subjects this depth of wynter, we have thought good to spare your travales theyers and alsoo your said certificars for a tyme untill ye shall know our further pleasure therin; and yet willyng and commaundyng yowe our Justices of peace nevertheles by suche quyet and privie especiall and other good meanes as ye can, to have a good forsight to the quiet of our subjects, the due understandyng of suche as refuse to resort to the churche to services, sermons and receyvyng of the Sacraments; and alsoo to the correction of rogues and vacabounds and to the diligent apprehencon of fellons and murderers, wherof theire be many and nedfull to be loked unto, and to the correction and reformacon of forstallers, regratours and ingrossers of graine, and (104) victuallers, the whiche at this present for the due relief of craftsmen and poore artificers is to be loked unto, lettid and reformed and that none be caried oversea without good warrants. And lastly to have good forsighte and to use great diligence to avoide false rumors, seedicons, tummults and forces.

And by his Counsell.

After whiche Commyssion beyng soo openly redd and considered, it was aggreed that the same Commyssion shalbe dewly executed accordyng to the contents therof.

Aggreed that the broken Register shalbe newly bounde, and sexe skyns of parchement or more to be bought and putt in the same.

And further it is aggreed that Mr. Bekwith, Mr. Calome, Mr. Maskewe, Mr. Henryson, Mr. Richardson, Mr. Dynely and Mr. Graves, Aldermen, shall this present day goo to my Lord Mayour place, and there take order that my Lord President may have provided xxvj horses for his men to ride apon to accompany his Lordship to Hull.

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fo. 106. **Closing a public right of way. Insulting words.**

18 January 17 Elizabeth (1573-4).

For as moche as at the Sessions of Peace holden at this Citie the xth of November (xiiij Elizabeth) it was found by jury that there is a common lane ledyng from the Flesshe Shambles, beyng betwene the tenement of John Weddell then in thoccupacon of Cuthbert Dawson of the northsyde and the tenement of Richard Noble of the sowthe syd; and soo it ought of right to passe dyrectt frome thenc unto Peterlane litle; yet forasmoche as the use of passage through the same hath bene by the space of many yeres for borne, may alsoo withowte damage to any persons be herafter contynually spared. Nowe this day it is aggreed that the said common lane shalbe kept up and not layde open for any free passage to be used through the same; and yet to thentent that the same may be used most to the benefyte and use of theym that have ther howses joynyng therunto, it is further aggreed that my Lord Mayor, Mr. Maskew, Mayour electe, Mr. Recordar (with 5 Aldermen and 4 of the 24 and 8 of the Commons) shall apon Moneday next commyng mete together and to goo and make further viewe of the said lane, and to take order and direccon accordyng to their discreccons as well concernyng the use, settyng, lettyng and grauntyng of the said lane or any part therof to such persons as they shall thynk most convenient, as concernyng the defaseyng or mayneteynyng of any buyldyngs or encrochment of the said lane; and whatsoever they shall doo concernyng the premysses or any part therof, the same to stand in force and be confirmed by this hows[1].

And where as Edmunde Dacres, beyng a free citizen of this Citie, did use undecent and unsemely talk in woords to my Lord Mayor on Saynt Mawry day last past at the Common Hall in presens of Mr. Recorder, the Aldermen, xxiiij and Common Counsell of this Citie beyng then and there assembled for eleccon of a newe Mayor; therfore it is aggreed that the said Edmunde shalbe commytted to warde for his said offens in example of others, there to remayne duryng my Lord Mayors pleasure.

fo. 111b. **The first list of City plate.**

3 February 16 Elizabeth (1573-4). *Present.*—Christopher Herbert, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

The Lord Mayor hath delyvered to our newe Maister the seales of office of Mayoraltie and Statute Merchant with one keye annexed. And alsoo xl^li^ called Girdlyngton money. And the

1 The verdict given on folios 100b to 110b decides that this lane shall be closed and that Citizens in Jubergate, whose back premises abutted on the lane should be allowed to make use of parts of it for their own purposes.

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basyn and ewar of sylvar[1], and twoo gill potts of sylvar. And further the said L. Mayor did nowe also delyver to our said newe Maister one sylvar pott with a lowse cover gilt. pond, xij oz., whiche sylvar pott with cover Mr. William Tanckard, late Recorder of this Citie, gave and bequethed this yere to the Mayor and Commonaltie of this Citie.

fo 113b. **The Ainsty bailiffs.**

5 February 16 Elizabeth (1573-4). *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 12 of the xxiv.

Apon hearyng of the matter in controversie in this Courte betwene Laurens Grene, plaintyf, and Richard Swaile and Charles Gray, defendants, for and concernyng the right and tytle of the office of Balywik of the wapentake of the Aynsty within the County of this Citie of York with all fynes, incriements and forfaytures not amountyng xi^{s} taxed of one person in the same, claymed by the said plaintyff and dymysed to hym by grante from the Mayor of this Citie, with the assent and consent of the Aldermen and the xxiiij of the Previe Counsell of this Citie under the Seale of office of Mayoraltie of this Citie, of whiche said Balywik and other the premysses aforesaid therunto belongyng the Mayor and Commonaltie of this Citie are seised by vertewe of their Chartre. And the said defendants do clayme the said office of Balywik of the grant of John Stephenson and Thomas Temple, now Sheryffs of this Citie, and that they the said defendants doo occupie the same office by force of the said grante. It is nowe ordred and judged by the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Shireffs and xxiiij of the Previe Counsell of this Citie that the said Richard Swale, one of the said defendants, shall serve under the said Laurens Grene as deputie Balyff to the same Laurens for this yere, viz. untill Michelmas next comyng; and that the said Richard Swaile (*fo.* 114) shall have the profitts and commodities comyng of the said office duryng the same tyme as deputie to the said Lawrens. And further it is ordered that imediatly after that yere ended the said Laurens Grene shall contynewe with the said office of Balywik under the cheif Sheryffs of this Citie for the tyme beyng, and to have the profitts therof accordyng to his grante, soo that the said Lawrens doo yerely imediatly after thentry of the Sheryffs of this Citie into their office doo enter bonde to theym with sufficyent suerties for the dewly executyng and dischargyng of the said Sheryffs for the tyme beyng as towchyng the said office of Balywik.

[1] This is the earliest list of York Civic plate. The basin and ewer were bequeathed by Thomas Metcalf, of London—"Item I will and gyve to the Lord Mayor and Commonaltie of the Citie of York, one basyn and one ewer, parcell gilt to the value of xx^{li}, and to remayne with them from Lord Mayor to Lord Mayor and so to contynewe for ever." House Book xxvi, *fo.* 69.

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And it is further aggreed that both the Sheryffs of this Citie for the tyme beyng shall have the nomynatyng and appoyntyng of thother Balyffs of thaynstie.

Item it is aggreed that the Balyffs of the Aynstie for the tyme beyng frome hensforth shall yerely at thende of their yere make accompte to the Sheryffs of this Citie for the tyme beyng of all profytts that they shall levie apon any estreats, and alsoo of all destresses whiche they shall take; and the same to be yerely sett downe in writyng at thend of every their yeres to be delyvered to the Sheryffs clerk and layde up emong the Records.

fo. 114b. **The relief of the poor.**

15 February 16 Elizabeth (1573-4). *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that my Lord Mayour, the Aldermen and xxiiij of this Citie shall cause the constables and twoo or three honest men of every paroche of this Citie to call all the poore, aged and impotent of every paroche before theym in their severall wards at their places accustomed, and there to viewe and take ordre for releif of the said poore, aged and impotent, acording to the Statutes; and to begynne to morowe with Miklythwarde at one of the clock in the afternoone, and Monkwarde on Wedinsday next at ix of the clock before none, Walmegate warde on thursday next at one of the clocke in the after none; and Bothome warde on fryday next at one of the clocke in the after noone.

Alsoo it is aggreed that Saynt Thomas hospitall, Saynt Anthonyes hospitall, Trynitie hospitall and Saynt Johns Hall shalbe viewed with all convenient spede by the Lord Mayour and Mr. Wardens to see if the same places or how many of theym be mete places for setlyng of the said poore.

fo. 115. **Ordinances of the Marshalls and Smiths augmented.**

26 February 16 Elizabeth. *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the articles herafter ensewyng shalbe added to their Ordynall.

That everye brother of the said fellowshippe or companye shall from tyme to tyme at all ther assembles and metyngs about the avale and proffyt[1] of the said occupacion use and behave himself discretlye and soberly with brotherlye love and comunicacon not oneleye to the searchers for the tyme beinge but also unto everye other brother of the said crafte, without anye opprobryous or evill language, as knave, slave, villayne or anye evill words, wherby the said searchers and fellowshippe or anie of them shalbe disquyeted or

[1] avale and proffyt; the loss and profit.

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molested, upon payne every one that shall offende therein for everye tyme shall forfayte ten shillings.

Item that no brother of the said occupacon shall departe from the companye of the same searchers and fellowshippe being assembled together so longe as they shalbe about the avayle and proffyt of the said occupacon without lycens of the said searchers, upon payne that thoffender therin shalbe forfayt for everye tyme iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

(*fo.* 115b). Item that no maister shall take and have anye apprentyce unbound above xxiiij dayes, but he shall the sayme apprentyce bound by indenture before the end of the said xxiiij dayes and shall shewe the serchers the sayme indenture in the presens of everye suche apprentyce soe bound, to thentent that the said searchers may make entre of the sayme in their book, and also that everye maister shall within xiiij dayes next after the date of the same indenture bring the same to the Common Clerk of the Cytie to be inrowled in the Register book remayning upon Ouse brig. Payne vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item that whosoever he be that shall occupye or sett anye foreyners goods or wayres except he have bought the sayme without frawd or guyle shall forfayt vj^{s} viij^{d}.

fo. 116. **Clergy and poor relief.**

3 March 16 Elizabeth (1573-4). *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Mr. Recordar, Mr. Hall, Mr. Henryson, Aldermen, Mr. Trewe and Mr. Byrkby, of the xxiiij shall goe this day at one of the clock at afternoone to my Lord Archebisshop his grace, and knowe his pleasure what almois and relief his grace and the clergie of the churche of York will gyve wekely to the sustentacon of the poore of this Citie, and to lett his grace further to understand what order my Lord Mayor and his Bretherne is abowte for relief of the said pore; and they to make reporte therof to my Lord Mayor and this hows at the next assemblie.

fo. 116b. **Suspected persons to be arrested. The order against eating meat in Lent.**

5 March 16 Elizabeth (1573-4). *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

By the Quene

Trustie and welbeloved we gret you well; and for as moche as we and our Counsell in the North parts be enformed that their be manye idle loyteringe persons as vacabunds and rogues, that travell abroad in the countre and some others which latelye have bene in the rebellyon and nowe lurke in secreyt placs and corners, whiche doe

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utter and publishe sedicyous, noughtie and falce rumours, bruytes and tayles, and ar so suffred unapprehynded, unpunnished and not reformed, contrary to your dueties, and not withstandinge our severall lettres and Commissions heretofore to you and others addressed in that behalf, wherby they do great hurte to the comon quyet of this our realme; wee therfore have thought good eftsoon to will and comaund you that ye hereafter with all diligens, care and circumspeccon do look better to your office and chardge, and to the severe punishment and reformacon of all suche suspected careles and evell disposed persons, and if you fynde anie notoryous offenders herein and speciallye suche as were in the late rebellyon and have not oure pardon; and furth with after his or their apprehensyon with his or their examinacon to send in saif custodye to the L. President or vice president and Counsell; and also that you have good and especyall regard and see dewly executed our lawes and statuts for the relief of the poor, impotent and nedie, accordinge to the tenor of the sayme in whiche we heare ye be necligent and careles; and further (*f.* 117) wher there is a good lawe for the forbearinge of eating of flessh in Lent and other dayes dyverse, to yow well knowne, maid as well for good pollicie and maynteynance of our Navie, the better increase of marynours, and for the relief of the poore fysshermen, as also that there may be more pleyntie of beeffs, muttons, veales and other kynde of flesshe, and not for the maynteynaunce and confirmacon of anye olde popishe superstetious opynion or error to ate fleshe or fishe of this day or that day, we therfore allso will and command you that ye do forthwith upon the sight hereof take order and se as well this as all other our said lawes and statuts duelie executed, according to the tenor therof, forseyng allwayes that thes our lettres do not extende to sycklye and aged persons, but that they for their healthys have libertie to eate necessytie shall requyer.

At York iiijth day of Marche (16 Elizabeth)

And by hir Counsell.

(*fo.* 121b). 12 March 16 Elizabeth. Agreed that thorders maide in the tyme of Mayoralty of Mr. William Chymney for commyng tardye to thassembles shalbe and remayne in force and put in execucon, and to be wrytten and hong uppe in a table.

fo. 122b. **Injunctions for promotion of good order to be strictly enforced.**

2 April 16 Elizabeth (1574). *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

By the Quene

Trustie and well beloved we grete yowe well. Wher heretofore we have at sundrye tymes for the quyet and good order of lovinge subjects directed our Commyssyons unto you for the due execucon

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of certayne of our lawes and statuts fyt to be looked unto, with suche dutiefull care and travell as to the duties of yow, being specyallye put in truste, apperteyneth, yet not withstanding we ar at this presente pleased to beare with your defaults past in hope ye will not onelye be more diligent and carefull in the due execucon herof as in all other our servics, and avoid our displeasor; this is therfore to will and command you to see our peace generally preserved and thartycles herin closed duelye and surcumspectlye executed; and that ye do certifye everye sex weeks at the least to to thearle of Huntingdon.

York 1 April xvi Elizabeth.

And by hir Counsell.

(*fo.* 123). Artycles to be enquired upon and executed by the Justics of Peace in the north parts.

First that at the next Sessyons after Easter next ye mete and confer together for the due execucon of the Commission hereunto annexed and of thes artycles.

Also that by your discreccons in enye of your devisyons, ye in good and secreit sort laye good watche and especyall to get knowledg and understandinge as well of all metings, conferencs and practises of all persons suspect or knowne to mislyke eyther of the present state and government for Religion or otherwise, and also of all suche as be goers or traveylors about with messages, lettres, tokens, newes or books from or to persons suspecte in Religion; or to or from any of the late rebells, the which persons be great deceyvours of the simple and ignorant people, and do seeke the dainger and trouble of the common quyet and good government of this realme, and to slaunder Gods holy word and doctrynes, and the godly use of service and sacraments here established; and to take and apprehend all suche offenders and to commyt them to ward, and to send advertisement of ther defalts, cawses and doings, under your hands to the L. President or vice-president of our Counsell in the Northe parts.

Item that ye take generally suche good and uniforme order for the due execucon of the statute against rogues, vacabunds and wandring persons, and for the relief of the poore as the statute for thes matters justly doth requyer and the tyme of the year now requyreth the due execucon therof.

Item that ye take good order for thavoyding of all superfluous alehouses, and especyally of suche as be at outsyds and corners and not in townes or good vyllagies, and of suche as kepe evell rule and unlawful games in their houses, or use to receyve or lodg rogues, vacabunds and thos that unlawfully travell abroade.

Item that ye take ordre for the due and lawfull exercise of shoting with the long bowe be duely used in all placies in convenyent sorte without excesyve metings of gret companies.

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Fynallye that ye be deligent to enquyer of and punishe all forcs, ryotts, rowts and unlawfull assembles, and to take order generally for the good preservacon of peace and quyet amongs our subjects to the best of your powers, and that if ye shall have occasion to feare anye great disorder, owtraige or other matter of importance ye shall with all speade therof advertise the L. President or vice-president and Counsell with your knowledge therof and the full circumstancs of the sayme in wryting under your handes and seales.

(*fo.* 123b). Also it was agreed that of the Cytie money that was recovered before the Quenes majesties Counsell in thes North parts at the suyte of Mr. Appleyard and Mr. Beane, Aldermen, against Mr. Allyn, Alderman, he shall make uppe the somme of xv^{li} due at Candlemas last; and to have acquytance therof; and upon condicon that he put in twoo sufficient suertyes for payment of xv^{li} yearley at twooe feasts in the yeare viz. at the feast of Saynt Peter *ad Vincula* next vij^{li} x^{s} and at the feast of the Purificacon of our Ladye than next after vij^{li} x^{s}, and soe yearely at the sayme feasts untill suche tyme as all the saide money recovered agaynst the said Mr. Allyn be fully payed; and the saide Mr. Allyn and the saide suerties to be bound by severall obligacons for everye of the saide payments in doble bond and somme of the paiement to Mr. Recorder and Mr. Byrkebye; whiche said suerties shalbe suche as my L. Mayor will well lyke upon.

fo. 124 **Relief of the Poor.**

16 April 16 Elizabeth (1574). *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that bedds shalbe prepared and maid readye with all spead in Saynt Thomas house, Trenyties hall and Saynt Anthonys hall for the placyng and lodging of the aged, impotent poore and lame people within this Cytie; and the sayme to be at the costs and chargies of the Chamberleyns of this Cytie by the discreccon of my L. Mayour.

Also agreed that Mr. Wardens of everye ward within this Cytie of their awne costs shall set the said poore people on worke with spynning of lyne, hempe and towe therby to helpe to get some part of their relief; and if that the said maister Wardens have not ready suffycyent lyne, hempe or towe to set the said poore on worke with all, then the xxiiij and others of the most substanciall within the said severall wards, shall helpe to theire abylitie to set the said good work forwards.

(*fo.* 124b). Item it was agreyd that Mr. Wardens within their severall wards shall viewe the poore the next weeke with all possible spead and then they to gyve in chardg to the said poore and constables according to the statut in that case provyded; and the

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sayme severall viewes to be appoynted at the discreccons of the said Warden.

Item it is agreyd that all the constables of everye paroche within this Cytie shalbe charged to bring in and cause to appeare before my L. Mayour and Aldermen all the laborers and their wifs within everye their severall constableries at the Common Hall, upon monday next being the xixth of this instant Aprill at ix of the clok before none, to be viewed by my said L. Mayor and Aldermen, and that they the said constables be then and their personally present brynging with them fare wrytten in paper the names and surnames of all and everye the said laborers and their wiefs.

fo. 125. **Muster of the poor.**

19 April 16 Elizabeth. *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall of this Citie, whan and where the laborers of this Citie with there wifs and children came before this worshipfull assemblie and weare viewed by theis presens. And the most part of the said laborers and their wifs are appoynted to work trewly for there lyvyng; and the said laborers are chardged to carye turves and wood according to the ordre as was made and aggreed apon in the tyme of the Mayoraltie of Mr. Gregory Pacok.

And so many of the said laborers as be artificers and handy-craftesmen are appoynted to worke of their occupacons. And soo many of the said laborers with their wifs and children as ar come to this Citie within three yeres last past are charged and appoynted to avoyde this Citie before Pentecost next commyng at the furthest, and they to have pasports made to passe frome hens unto the townes or places where they weare borne or where they last dwelled by the space of iij yeres by past.

And further it is agreed that the said ordre for cariage of turves and wood to be observed by the common laborers of this Citie made in the tyme of the said Mr. Gregory Pacoke, late Mayour, shalbe fare written and sett apon tables in severall places of this Citie of York, that is to saye, one table at the Quenes stathe, an other apon the Pavement, and an other at the Mynstar gate, to thentent that the said laborers may the bettar understand how they shall carie the said turves and wood.[1]

fo. 130. **Men of Huntington impound cattle of York Citizens. Reprisals taken. Offences of searchers of leather.**

7 May 16 Elizabeth (1574). *Present.*—Robert Maskew, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen 7 of the xxiv.

And whereas certayne of the inhabitants of Huntyngton have wrongfully taken and impynded the cataill of dyverse free citizens of this Citie as the same cataill weare goyng to the Comon of Stokton

[1] Names of the labourers are given on folios 125b-127.

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Moore belongyng to this Citie; it is therfore nowe aggreed that every of the same citizens that have any catell soo ympynded shall commense sewte ageinst the said inhabitants of Huntyngton, and shall lowse their said cataill by waye of replevyn before the Lord President and Counsell in theis North partes, and it to be borne of the Chambre chardges.

(*fo.* 130b). And it is further aggreed that none of thenhabitants of Huntyngton shall have any dong or manor within this Citie and suburbes or liberties of the same, nor that any citizen shall suffer the said inhabitants of Huntyngton or their servants or any of theym to carye or beare away any of the said dong or manour apon payne of every default iij^{s} iiij^{d}; and the constables of every paroche to gyve warnyng therof with all expedicon accordyngly.

Also it is aggreed that none of the said inhabitants of Huntyngton shall bryng into this Citie any coales or other thyngs in yron bounde waynes, apon payne of forfaytur of xij^{d}.

And forsomoche as John Stok, thelder, William Bell, Bryan Tyson and William Burland, late searchers of tanned leather within this Citie weare latly presented for takyng of money for sealyng of tanned leather insufficyently tanned, and for takyng of money more than was to theym dewe for sealyng of tanned leather and calf skyns, whiche late searchers the xvth of September last past came personally before the right worshipful Christopher Harbert, than L. Mayour of this Citie, his bretherne Aldermen, Shireffs and Previe Counsell in the said Counsaill Chamber; and they than and there of their said defaults and extorcion beyng examyned did confesse the takyng of certayne of the said money contrary the statute in that case provided, and did submytt theym selfs to thordre of the Lord Mayor and theis presens; wherapon it was nowe aggreed that the said John Stock, William Bell, Bryan Tyson and William Burland for their said offenses shalbe forthwith commytted to warde there to remayne by the space of twoo dayes and twoo nights, and alsoo every of theym to pay vj^{t} viij^{d} for their fynes, and that they nor any of theym shall at any tyme hereafter be chosen serchars ageyne.

fo. 134. **Collection of money for the poor.**

14 May 16 Elizabeth (1574).

Aggreed that all the collectors of money for the pore of this Citie shalbe commanded forthwith to bryng in and delyver to the wardens of every warde whiche have used to receyve the saide money, apon sonday at night next comyng at the furthest, all arrerages of the said money for a month last past; and that xl^{s} therof shalbe delyvered the same sonday to my Lord Mayour; soo that he may bestowe the same to the said pore folk appoynted to be settled in the hospitalls; and the said collectours to be also called in to accompte of the reast of tharrerages.

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fo. 134b.

Poor Relief.

The names of the poore, aged and impotent persons within this Citie of York, appoynted to be settled in hospitalls, and in what hospitalls, and what every of theym shall have weekely.

Theis to be setled in Saynt Thomas Hospital.

William Rutter and his wif to have wekelye xvj^{d}, Uxor Bridge viij^{d}, Uxor Nottyngham viij^{d}, Janet Metcalf viij^{d}, Isabell Lawrens with ij children of Smyth wif wekly xij^{d}, Elizabeth Pettie viij^{d}, Isabell Mylnar iiij^{d}, Uxor Roods viij^{d}, Uxor Richardson, alias Tynklar viij^{d}, Henry Smythe viij^{d}, Alane Botheman viij^{d}, Isabell Hyncheclif with her childe viij^{d}, Robert Key iiij^{d}.

Theis to kepe their howses and to be payed wekly at the said hospitall some releif.

Uxor Sherwood havyng iij children, to kepe hir howse and to be payed wekely at the said hospitall vj^{d}, Uxor Foxe in lyke maner iiij^{d}, Thomas Vole, Master Beggar[1], in lyke maner vj^{d}, Andrewe Kaye and his wif iiij^{d}.

Theis to be setled in Trynytye Hospitall.

Margaret Whitehowse viij^{d}, Mawde Thomson viij^{d}, Martyne Huntar viij^{d}, Robert Potter and wif xij^{d}, Jane Hall and a child viij^{d}, Uxor Hodgeson viij^{d}, Thomas Fyssher viij^{d}, Uxor Frin viij^{d}, John Day and his wif xvj^{d}, Nicolas Shephard, his wif and ij children xij^{d}, Agnes Loryman viij^{d}, Agnes Clerk viij^{d}.

Theis to be releved and to kepe their howses.

Lawrens Park, Master Beggar, to kepe his hows and to have wekely at the said hospitall vj^{d}. Myles Holme, overseers in lyke maner vj^{d}.

(*fo.* 135). Theis to be setled at Saynt Anthony Hospitall.

Uxor Anderson with ij children viij^{d}, Jane Eastwod viij^{d}, William Wyseman viij^{d}, Uxor Lenge viij^{d}, Lancelott Hedley, his wif and child xij^{d}, John Nelstroppe viij^{d}, Thomas Barrane and his wif with their sone beyng lame xvj^{d}, Margarett Damfelds with hir ij children viij^{d}, Thomas Judson, his wif and three children, to be in their owne howse and to be payed wekely at the same hospitall xij^{d}, Nicolas Mason, Master Beggar of Bothome Warde, in lyke maner vj^{d}, Uxor Rogerson, kepyng a lame and dombe wenshe, to be payed in lyke maner xij^{d}, Jane Barwik vj^{d}, John Hobson, alias Goodlock vj^{d}, Agnes Hall iiij^{d}, William Brignell iiij^{d}.

fo. 137.

Archbishop and Dean and Chapter asked to contribute to poor relief.

21 May 16 Elizabeth (1574). *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 3 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that my Lord Mayour, accompaned with Mr. Harbert, Mr. Trewe and Mr. Byrkby, shall apon moneday next goo to my L.

[1] Information about master beggars can be found in earlier volumes of these Records.

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Archebisshop of York to Bisshopthorp, and to declare to his grace that they have settled certayne of the most nedy, aged and impotent persons in hospitalls, and that ordre is taken as well for their releif as for certayne others the poore whiche must kepe their howses; and further to request his grace of some relief from hym, Mr. Deane and others the prelats of the Mynstar accordyng to their promyses.

fo. 129b. **Informer paid. Loan to Recorder.**

11 June 16 Elizabeth (1574). *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Alice Spynk of Popleton, spynstar, who apon thinformacon of Ede Dobson, was prosecuted at the generall Sessions for buyeng and engrossyng of dyverse persons tenne quarters of barley and for sellyng the same ageyne in the same kynde contrary to the Statute, did nowe submytt hir self to abide thordre of my Lord Mayour and hys Bretherne for his fyne, whiche fyne was nowe assessed by theym to iij^{s} iiij^{d} whiche she payed imediatly to thands of Reginald Fawks, sword bearer wherapon it was nowe aggreed that the said Fawks shall gyve the said informar thone half of the said fyne; and he to kepe thother half of the said fyne, and paye over the same to the Chambrelaynes.

Aggreed that Mr. William Byrnand, Recorder of this Citie, shall have C^{li} of the Citie money, remaynyng on the hand of my L. Mayour lent unto hym for a yere he puttyng in sufficyent suertie for repayment of the same to the Citie behof.

fo. 138. **Bonds for sums lent by the City.**

15 June 16 Elizabeth (1574). *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Mr. Harbert, Alderman, brought in viij obligacons, wherby the sayme Mr. Harbert and others with him stand bounde together, iij other obligacons wherin Robert Brooke, Christopher Maltby and Anthonie Pullay stands also bounden together, and one obligacon wherin Mr. Henrison and Persyvall Brook standeth bounden together and theight obligacon wherby Regynold Fawks, Robert Willey and Richard Settur, stande bounden in C^{li}, with condicon for payment of xxvij^{li} x^{d} in the feast of St. Thomas thappostle, All which obligacons were now laid upp by my L. Mayor in the cupbord in the Counsell Chambre upon Ousebrig.

fo. 139 **Lists of horses and their war equipment to be made.**

25 June 16 Elizabeth (1574). *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

By the Quene

Right trustie and welbeloved we grete you well; and where for sundrie good consideracons for the weale and quyet of our realme,

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we have thought it very convenyent at this present to have our good subjects well furnished with horses, geldyngs; and other furnytures, according to their degres and the statuts and lawes of this realme; wherefore we nowe authorise you to take the muster of all the horses and their furnyturs of the persons named in a scedule herein closed upon the fyft day of Julie nowe next ensewyng at or before ix of the cloke in the mornyng of that day, whereby, by specyall appoyntment they be appoynted ther to appeare before yowe. And if ye shall knowe any person omitted in this scedule that by the lawe ought to be charged with the havyng and kepyng of horses and armor, our pleasure is that ye shall send your lettres unto theym to commaunde theym to appeare before yowe at the said day and place with his horse and furnyture. And if ye shall perceyve any defalte to be in any of the men, horses or furnytures, ye shall take ordre with theym that suche default shalbe amended withowte delay, to the intent that every horse be well and aptelye furnysshed with an apte man and that all other necessaries for that service on horse backe may be in a perfecte reddynes to be sene and vewed agayne at suche day and place as we (*fo.* 139b) sha appoynt.

York xxij June
And by hir Counsell

26 June 16 Elizabeth (1574).

Collectours for the poore of every paroche of this Citie were appoynted.[1]

fo. 142.

Fishing Day.

2 July 16 Elizabeth (1574). *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, one Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that my Lord Mayour and his Bretherne, Mr. Recorder, the Shireffs and xxiiij, and the Chamberlaynes, shall accordyng to their olde custome fysshe in the water of Ouse apon thursday next; and every of theym to pay for the chardges of the dynar than to be made all after one rate, ratelyke, savyng the Lord Mayor to bestowe further a galon of wyne.[2]

Founders' Ordinances.

16 July 16 Elizabeth (1574). *Present.*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Wheras supplicacon was now exhibited by thoccupacon of founderers of this Citie for perusing and augmenting of their ordynall, and also for reformyng the same; it was therfore agreed that their said ordynall should be renewed as hereafter followeth:

[1] The names of the collectors are given. Two were appointed for the more important parishes, one for each of the smaller ones.

[2] For fishing days see *York Civic Records*, vol. iv, pp. 79 and 157 and v, pp. 183.

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First it is ordeyned that if anie maister of the craft shall enforme anie other in the said craft then his wief or apprentics he shall forfayt for every default vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item that none of the said crafte shall make styrroppes or spurres but of plyable latyn[1] that will not breake through bryttlencs of metall nor sowdred candlesticke but of good latyn whole facyonde upon payne of everye defalt vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item that no maister of the said crafte shall take any apprentice for lesser tyme than eight years, and that he the said maister shall not take or have any moe apprentycs at one tyme than one untill that one have served thre years at the least upon payne of xx^{s}.

Item if anie man in the said crafte be reported and founde doyng untrewth or falshood to the valewe of xiij^{d} or above, and that proved by the testimony of twoe honest persones or more, then he no longer to occupye in the said crafte within this Cytie, but shalbe clerelie put out of the fellowshippe of the said occupacon.

Item that if anie of the said crafte shall come to the said Citie for to exercise and worke in the said crafte, then he to be proved by the maisters and searchers of the sayme occupacon, whether he be an able workeman or not; and if he be able then he to be wrought by the weke about, with everye one of the said maisters and not continually with one; yf he can not worke accordingly upon payne of xx^{s}.

(*fo.* 144b). And that no man of the said occupacon shall delyver anie worke to be wrought belonging the said crafte out of their houses or shoppes upon payne of xx^{s}.

Item that if anie of the said occupacon withstand or disobey the serchers of the sayme craft for the tyme being about their searche or other lawfull business, then he to forfayt vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item that no maner of person shall make anie stirropps or spurres of anie mettall belonging the saide crafte, but onelie the free brethren of the sayme crafte, upon payne of forfaytur of the sayme.

Item that no maister of the said craft shall set on work anie servaunte of the sayme crafte, wherin he hath wrought his ablinge work, untill suche tyme as he be admit a free brother of the same occupacon, upon payne of vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item that no man of the said crafte shall sell to anye peutherer of this Citie anie wayre belonging to the occupacon of founderers, but onelie for his house use, except it be sold when none of the said occupacon of founderers be hyndered by yt, upon payne of iiij^{d}.

Item that none of the same craft shall buy anie wayrs that is maid out of this realme, as candlesticks and chawfyndishes upon payne of vj^{d}.

[1] latyn i.e. latten—a mixed metal of yellow colour closely resembling brass. N.E.D.

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Item that none of the said crafte shall sowder no pyn in anie chawfyndish, cuppe upon payne of xij^{d}.[1]

fo. 145. **Permission for the Sheriff's Clerk to go to Newcastle.**

30 July 16 Elizabeth (1574).

Mr. James Byrkebye, the Sheriffs Clerke, being one of the attorneys before the L. Presydent and Counsell in thes North partes did desyer my L. Mayour and this worshipfull Assemble to gyve him lycense to goe with the sayd L. President and Counsell to Newcastle, to gyve his attendance their for his clyents causes; the which his said request was nowe granted to him, so that he get lycense of the said Sheriffs.

fo. 145b. **Instructions to be carried out during the absence of the President of the Council.**

6 August 16 Elizabeth (1574). *Present*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

By the Quene

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you well. And forasmuche as our Presedent and certayne of our Councellors in theis North partes do presently repare furth of this our County of York into the Counties of Commberland, Westmerland and Northumberland, for thexecucon of justice in thois parts; we have by theis presents thought good to discharge yowe of suche certificats of the articles specified in our former Commyssions to yowe, as ye were appoynted to make at the least every sex weks once, to thintent ye shoulde the more diligently be vigilant and circumspecte to take order and see to the preservacon of the quyet state of our subjects in our said County of York, and pryncepally in that our Citie of York and the County of the same, and the liberties of the same, and to advoyde and represse all unlawfull tumults, stirres and disorders in the best and quietest sorte ye may, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this our realme. This is therfore to will and commaund you and by thes presents to authorishe yow to se executed the articles herewith sent you within the said Citie and Countie of the same and the liberties therein, and that imedyatly upon the receipt herof yow shall appoynt some convenyent plac to mete together and to agree (*fo.* 146) amongs yourselfs for the due execucon therof, with the least trouble that may be to our loving subjects, especially this time of harvest. And our forther pleasure is that if in the absence of our said President and Counsell ye shall perceyve anie daungerous attempte or disorder to the disquyet of the state to be ether pretended or like to arise or shalbe done or executed in deed that ye shall, in the best sorte ye may, prevent, staye and resist the sayme, and to take thoffendours and them commyt to ward or send them

[1] For ordinances of the Founders see *York Mem. Bk.* 1. pp. 93-105.

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with informacon of ther offencs to our right trustie and most reverend father in God the Archebishopp of York, who with others of our Counsell in thes North parts, we have during the absence of our saide Presydent and Counsell authorished to take order in suche cases and others as neade shall requyer. And our forther pleasure is that ye shall make your certificate of all your doyngs in the said Citie and Countie of the sayme to our said Presydent and Counsell the vj[tb] day of September next.

Yorke the fyrst day of August
And by her Counsell.

Articles to be executed by the Commissioners in the Commissyon herewith sent, named within the Cytie and Countie of the Cytie of Yorke.

1 First that the said Commissioners doe take order by their speciall frends and servaunts to lay good watche, and especyall to understand, know of all thoffencs specyally recyted in thes artycles to thintent they may prevent or represse the same or any others that may chanc to arise to the disquyet of the state or good subjects.

2 Also that ye take order that watches be duelie kept in townshippes and that suspected persons and traveylours in the night or day be not suffred to escape, but to be brought before one of you at the least.

3 Also that rogs and vacabunds be apprehended and used according to the lawes and statutes, for therby many evells shalbe advoided and moche quyet arise.

4 Alsoo that ye se well to inventours and spreders of rumours and that every of them be used and imprisoned according to the lawes therfor provided.

5 Also that ye loke well to unlawfull assemblies, ryots, rowts and secret conventycles and assembles, specyally of persons suspected.

6 And that generally you doe what you can to preserve the quyet and peace amongst our subjects, and avoid the contrary so moch as ye lawfully may, and that you do not call together or troble our subjects to their disquyet in this their busye tyme of harvest, uneles good occasyon so requyer for the reppressyon of some great disorder.

fo. 148b. **Certain houses on Ousebridge to be gaols.**

8 October 16 Elizabeth (1574). *Present*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 19 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that John Trewe, cordyner, shalbe fermer of the newe house buylded upon Ousebrig, and the chambers over the Exchequer of the sayme brig, and the sayme house and chambers to be gaole howses for the Mayor and Sheriffs for the tyme beinge and the said John Trewe to enter to the said house and chambers at martynmes next and to have and hold the sayme of the Mayour and the Corpora-

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con of this Cytie, payinge yearelie for the sayme to thuse of them and their successours sex pounds, provided allwayes that the prisoners nowe remayning in the same chambers over the Exchequer who have maid cost of repayring the said chambers shall have the sayme during their naturall liefs, if they be not delyvered or discharged of their imprisonement, they payinge (*fo.* 149) therfore yearlie iij^{s} iiij^{d}.

fo. 150. **People to attend church more often. List to be made of those who do not attend.**

5 November 16 Elizabeth (1574). *Present*—Robert Maskewe, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

By the Quene

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you well; and where by sundrye our former Commyssions heretofore to you addressed we willed and commaunded yowe to certifie unto the Earle of Huntyngdon what persones within your severall lymyts and devisions myslikyng the doctryne nowe taught and the religion now establysshed, did absent theym selves from the church, comon prayer and service: in thexecucon of whiche our Commyssions, although some of you have showed your selves very carefull and dilygent, yett others have bene remysse, careles and neglygent, for either some of yowe have made no certificat at all, or ells some of yow have certified the names of suche of the porest and symplest sorts of our subjects to their troble, as in dede upon their apparence before us we founde most tractable, humble, obedyent and willyng to conforme theym selves; butt of some other notoryous, knowne and vehemently suspected persones of greater welth, estymacon and callynge yowe have certyfied nothyng at all, butt eyther wynked at theym or otherwyse omytted and with sylence passed theym over, or ells for favoure, frendship, kynred or some other respecte for borne to present their names; and for that we be credeblie ynformed the numbre of such as do forbeare to come to the church do dayly encrease (*fo.* 150b). And that some of yowe your selves and your famylies gyve not that example in commyng to the church that yowe ought to doo, contrary to some of your earnest promysses maid to our said Presydent in that behalf; we therfore requyere yowe frome hensforth that yowe and your famylies do better and more often resorte and frequent the church, common prayer and communion than yowe have doone, soo as by your good example goyng before, others may be moved to folowe; and for that we be also gyven to understand that of laite some of no meane callyng have with drawen theymselves, and will not come to the churche, and others of like estaite have longer absented theym selves and will by no gentle meanes be moved, entreated or persuaded therunto, whereby they do not oneley gyve a good suspecon of their dysloyalties, but also gyve great occasions of offence to others, and, as we be enformed, is one great cause wherby the number of suche dysloyall

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persones do dayly encrease, we therfore strately commaund yowe by vertue herof that on this side and before the fyftenth day of December next, yowe do endeavor your selves by all suche wayes and meanes as to your wysdomes and discreccons shall seame good, to understand the names, quallities and degrees of eny suche persone and persones within your severall lymitts and devision as do absent theym selves from the churche, common prayre and sacraments, whether he be Knight, Justice of peace, esquyer, gentleman, freholdars or other, and the cause of his or their absentyng theym selves, and howe long they or any of theym have soo done; and the same to certifie to our cosyn with the names, quallities and degrees of every suche persone. And that yowe then certifie also whome yowe know of your owne knowlege to be ether culpable in dede or vehementlye suspected herin.

Yorke xxvii Octobre

And by hir Counsell.[1]

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(*folios* 3b to 6b). Names of constables and honest men of every parish of the City and of every township of the Ainsty appointed to carry out the Queen's Commission.

fo. 9. **Obligations to be entered into by New Mayors.**

23 March 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

It was agreed that my L. Mayor for the tyme being and his successors, Mayors of the said Citie, shall, imediatly after ther severall entry into the said office, become bounden with twoo or more sufficient securities, fremen of the said Cittie, in ccccc^{li} unto twoo honest gentlemen, being of the said Counsell of this Cytie, and of good trust for the behoof of the same Citie, with conddiccon that he the said Mayor for the tyme being shall well and faithfully content, pay, accompte for and delyver unto his successor in the said office of Mayoraltye, within one month next after his said successor shall have entred into ye exercise and execucon of the said office, all maner of somes of money, plate, jewells, charters, leases, obligacons, muniments, counterpanes of leases, and all other goodes and cattles, thing and things whatsoever, which the same Mayor then being shall receyve and kepe in vertue of his office as due or to be due to the Corporacon of the saide Cittie unto the onely use and behoof of the Mayor and Commonaltie of the said Cittie then being and ther successors for ever without anie fraude and delay.

[1] The last six folios of vol. xxv have been badly torn, but so far as can be seen, they contain nothing of importance.

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fo. 9b. **Recognisances of Statute Merchant.**

13 April 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 13 of the xxiv.

Agreed that all recognisancs of Statuts Merchant hereafter to be takyn and knowleged before the L. Mayor and clerk of Statuts of this Citie for the money of the Comon Chamber of the sayme Citie, likewise all recognisancs of Statuts Merchant hereafter to be taken and knowleged to anie free citizen of the same Citie of York, shall pay to the L. Mayor for the tyme being for the knowleging and sealing thereof with the great parte of the Quenes seale which remayneth in the Mayors custody for every of the said recognisancs being an hundreth pound and mor unto the some of twoo hundreth pound vj^{s} viij^{d} for the office of the greater parte of the said seale, and unto the clerke of the recognisancs for the fee of the lesser parte of the said seale in the clerks custody for everye Statute iij^{s} viij^{d}; and for every recognisanc of Statute Merchant of the somme of twoo hundreth poundes and above to be paid to the said L. Mayor for the time being for the foresaid greater parte of the said Seale ten shillings, and the said clerke to have in like manner for his lesser parte v^{s}.

And that all recognisancs of Statuts merchant under the somme of c^{li}, the cogniser to pay according to the Statute of Acton Burnell in that behalfe ordeyned and made; provyded alwayes that this agreement or anie thing in it conteyned shall not in anie caise extend to anie person or persons, but onely to and for the free cittizens of this Citie now being, or that hereafter shalbe cognisers in the same recognizance and not to the cognizors if he or they shalbe free citizens to take anie advantage of the acte or ordinance.

(*fo.* 10). Item its agreyed that there shalbe taken the increase of the Cittie money yearley for the relief of the power people within this Citie so moche as shalbe needfull besids the charitable almes gyven unto them for there reliefe at the discreccon of my L. Mayor and this worshipfull howse.

fo. 11 **Light horsemen for Ireland.**

21 April 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

To our trustie and welbeloved the Lord Mayour and Aldermen of our Citie of Yorke and to everie twoo of them

By the Queene

Trustie and welbeloved wee grete you well; and forasmuch as we have resolved for our speciall service in Ireland to have a nomber of light horsemen levied in our Countye of York and placies in thois parts of this our realme, we have appointed the nomber of fower horsemen to be levied in the Citie of York and within the Countye and libertye of the same, to be well chosen men most mete for our

service on horse back everye man, and to be well furnished with a good and strong horse or gelding, a good plate cote, a skull or sallet with a blewe coveringe, a convenient doblet, and horseman paire of boots, a sword or dagger, and blew cloake, with twentie shillings in his purse for the good keping of his horse, and for the buyinge of his spear in Ireland; for the levieng and preparinge whereof we have thought good for the speciall truste and confidence we have in your wisdomes and dexterities to apoynt your own specyall Commissioners, willing and commanding you without open muster to call before you suche persons to take indifferent order to anie inhabitants under the degree of a barron to be chargeable hereunto, so that it be done with most equall charge to our subjects that the same may (*fo.* 11b) be maide readye and well furnisshed as is aforesaid at thendifferent chargies of thenhabitants within the same lymytts, forseeing alwayes that the poore sorte of our subjects be not charged touching the premisses.

At our Citie of Yorke the xx day of Aprill.

And by hir Counsell.

Upon readinge of the whiche Commyssion it was agreed that precepts shalbe directed to the baylyffs of thaynstie commanding them to cawse all the gentlemen of thaynstie personallie to appere with twoo honest men of everye towneshippe before the Commissioners upon Qusebrig on tewsday next at ix of the clok before none, and to have a copye of the Commissyon, and than assessement of thaynestie to be the same day, and further to cawse the constables through the said wapentakes to appeare before the same Commissyoners at the same place on monday next at one of the clok, bringinge with them the clerks bill with the names of everye person in the same; and in like manner and course within the Citie to bring in their clerkes bills with the names of all parochianers, as well foreynes as others, to appeare at the said place tomorow at ix of clok, and ij honest persons at one at clok and than assessement to be maid according to the Commissyon.

fo. 13b. **People in the Minster Liberty refuse to pay for the light horsemen.**

3 May 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen and Commissioners, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Mr. Thomas Kirke, constable of Pyke paroche, sayth that by vertue of a tycket of assessment of the parochians of that paroche towards the setting fourth of iiij light horsemen, etc., he had bene with Mr. Eymes, Mr. Doctor Gybson, Mr. Benkyns and Mrs. Younge to demaunde money according to the said tycket, who all denyed to pay the sayme or anie parts thereof. Wherupon it was agreed that my L. Maior and Mr. Recorder, Mr. Christopher Harbart and Mr. Maskewe shall goe and speak with my L. President in the sayme.

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And the said Commissioners now taking order for provisyon of strong horses or geldings for the Quenes service, thereupon Mr. Cripling sayth he hath a good gelding mete for the same service, and was content upon writyng maid that they shall have the said gelding for x^li^, if he shalbe allowed by my L. President on Moneday next at Heworth moore, whiche they promise to gyve accordingly, and the said Mr. Crypling forther promised in the meane tyme well to meate the said horse and alsoo to cause him to be sufficientlie shoed against the said day and my L. Mayor to see that he be paid and contented for the same if he be allowed or not allowed.

(*fo.* 13b). And as for the further provision of the rest of the same horsses, it is agreed that my said L. Mayor shall send for all such persons as have anie good geldings to buy the same, and agre with them at such price as he shall thinke good, and whatsoever he shall doe therein that other Commissioners are content to allowe.

(*fo.* 14). And further its agreed that twoo hable light horsemen for this Citie shall with full convenyent speede be apoynted, and all their furniture and apparell apoynted by the Quenes Commyssyon shallbe with all speade provided and maid redie, and the chargs therof to be paid by the chaimberlaynes of the money levyed and appoynted to be levyed for the said Service.

(*fo.* 14b). Certificate of us Thomas Harrison, Mayor, and Aldermen of the Cittie of York, Commissioners apoynted for levieng and providing in a redynes of fower light horsemen in the Cittie of York, and within the Countye and liberties of the same, for the Quenes majesties service in Ireland suche as we judge to be well chosen men and most mete for the said service on horseback, everyman being well furnished with a good and strong horse or gelding, a good plate cote, a skull or sallet with a blewe coverynge, a convenyent doblet and hose, a pair of boots, a sword and dagger and blewe cloke; and we have xx^s^ readie for everye of the said soldyars to put in his purse for the good keepinge of his horse and for the buyeng of his speare in Ireland, whansoever yt shalbe commanded. The names of all the said horsemen with also the names of our charge and who are assessed to beare the chargs of the said horsemen herafter following.[1]

(*fo.* 18b). 13 May 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

By the Quene

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well; and where ye receyved our late Commyssion for the setting furth of fower soldyors, horsmen, upon the vewe wherof at our Citie of York there appereth to lacke suche money, parcells and furnyture as in a bill herin closed

[1] Here follow on folios 14b to 18 the names of those assessed in each York parish and in the townships of the Ainsty and the sums paid.

Sum total for City and Ainsty £70 19s. 2d., a further list is found on folios 19-20.

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appereth; theis therefore are to will and command yowe and by theis presents to authorise yowe nowe with all spede possible not to faile, but to se fulfilled with all spede the lack specified in the billett and to have the same at our towne of Richemonde upon tewsday next before tenne of the clock in the mornyng of that day.

Richmond xi^th^ May.

And by hir Counsell.

The Scedule or Billett.

(*fo.* 19). To see that ye furnysshe twoo hable men sufficyently, whiche as yet ye lacke, and to have theym with the other soldiers well furnyshed. And where before it was appointed every soldiour to have in his purse onely xx^s^ towards his chardgs and furnyture, ye are now to levye xxiiij^s^ more for every soldiour; and to have theym and the money redye at Richemonde the above said day and tyme, and there to delyver the same to the Capitayne, and he then to delyver x^s^ of it to the soldior and xxx^s^ more therof to every soldiour at his imbarkyng at Workyngton or ellswhere; and for the other iiij^s^ the Capitayne to delyver the spere withall. And also to take order for the levyeng of ij^s^ by the day for every soldiour untill their delyvery at Richemonde or ells to beare their chargs till that tyme and to send one with theym thither. And like wise that ye levye suche somme of money as shall convenyently beare the chardgs of the soldiours and their horses and the persones sent with theym for the tyme of their beyng att York and untill their beyng at Richemonde.

fo. 21 **House at Guildhall gate. Street paving.**

An old City Servant.

20 May 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 11 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the tenement at the Common Hall yates, late in the tenure of Richard Ayneley, with the waynskott, sealyng and glasse in and abowte the same, shalbe viewed by my Lord Mayour, with twoo of the wardens of Bothome warde and twoo of the xxiiij, takyng with theym a glasyer and a carpenter at the discrecon of my Lorde Mayor, ymediately after Whitson holydayes next.

Also it is aggreed that the calcey shalbe paved frome Mikilgate barr to the wattryng place beyond St. James church before the xv^th^ of June next. And that all other places within this Citie and suburbs where nede is shalbe likewise paved with all convenyent spede, and warnyng herof to be gyven accordyngly.

Item that all the Records of this Citie shalbe sowght up, to thentent to knowe whither the parochianors of Allhallows apon the Pavement have heretofore payed for pavyng in the strete enenst their paroche churche or not, or ells the Chamberlaynes cause it to be done, if any suche records can be founde or not.

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(*fo.* 22). And forsomoche as William Bukshawe, who hath bene of long tyme one of the six officers at mace to the Lord Mayour, is nowe waxen in age, and is not so hable to serve in that place as he hath bene; it is nowe therefor aggreed that Oswald Chambres shall helpe to supplie the said office; and he to have onely meat and drynk at the Lord Mayour table, untill suche tyme as one of the said offics shall become voyde. And the said William Bukshawe to have meat and drynk at the Lord Mayors table and the accustomed fees and all other profitts dewe for the same duryng his lyf as the same William hath had heretofore. Oswald Chambres shall have the next avoydance.

fo. 23 **Pavements and house repair and decoration.**

27 May 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, William Birnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that all the pavements of this Citie and suburbs shalbe sufficyently paved aswell within the barres as withowte; and every man to do the same enenst and before his owne howses and fronts; and alsoo that every inhabitant shall repare, plaistir, trym and well decke decently their howses of the foresydes before midsomar next, apon payne of every one makyng default to forfaite xj^{s}; and warnyng therof to be gyven to the said inhabitants by thofficers accordyngly.

fo. 23b. **Certificate of the good health of the City.**

28 May 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

The Lord Mayour declared that ij or iij of the Queenes majesties servants and of her gard had bene with hym at his hows and requyred to have a certificate from hym and his Bretherne to the right honorable Erle of Sussex, Lord Chameberlayne, of the state and health of this Citie, suburbs and County of the same. Wherapon it was aggreed that a certificat should be made accordyngly and to be sealed with seale of Mayoraltie. The tenor whereof hereafter folowith, woord by woord.

Pleaseth it your honour to be advertysed that we, Thomas Harryson, Mayor of the Citie of Yorke, and the Aldermen of the same, Justics of peace within the said Citie of York and County of the same, doe certifie your honor that the said Citie of York. etc,, is at this present in good saiftye, good state and health, and without any plage or other contagious syknes (praysed be God) who longe preserve your good Lordship in moche honour with good health. And for bettar creditt of the premysses, we have not onely caused the seale of office of Mayoraltie of the said Citie of York to be sett to theis presents, but alsoo have subscribled the same with oure owne hands.

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fo. 24. **Provisions for a projected visit of the Queen.**

A copie of the Articles whiche the Queenes majesties said servants and gards had to inquyer apon:

First ye be to make your present repare with all diligens to every place underwritten and to make trewe inquyrie of the constables, parysshe preists, churchwardens and other officers of every towne nere to every of the said places, fitt for lodgyng of hir Highnes trayne, whether there be any infectiouse sicknes at this present or hath bene of late, and yowe shall bryng with yowe trewe certificat therof under the hands of the officers beforsaid.

Item yowe shall in every County, where any of the said places be, repare to the Sheref of the County and gyve chardge to hym to gyve order to all the aforesaid officers to make certificat to hyme frome tyme to tyme, untill hir Majestie shall passe the places appoynted for her lodgyngs, if any person happen to be seke or to die of any infectiouse disease after your departyng frome thence, which certificat he shall see saifeley to be sent to me with expedicon, to thende hir Majestie may have knowledg therof in dewe tyme. To thende this maybe bettar executed it shall not be amysse that the Sherif to gyve chardge to somme Justics of Peace that shall dwell next to every of theis places, to have care that the said officers doe trewely dischardge their dueties in their certificats.

Item yowe shall make a parfecte booke of the numbre of myles that every of the said placs is distant frome the other, as they be sett in ordre, and what be the names of the corporate townes or markett townes next adjoynyng fitt to receyve the trayne, and what corporat townes or markett townes her Majestie shall ryde through, from place to place, and at what places hir Majestie shall enter every Shyre.

Item yowe shall view every of the said howses and shall lay downe in writyng what chambres there be fitt for hir Majesties owne lodgyng, and what other chambres fitt to receyve others that be to attend apon hir Highnes, that therby the receipte of every hous maybe knowne.

(*fo.* 24b). Item if yowe fynde any of the said howses to be over litle or for any other respecte unfitt for hir Majesties lodgyng yowe shall enquyer what other howses be nere to that hows and shall take viewe of thois howses, note the numbre of myles and doe all other thyngs appoynted to be done at the howses under named, to the end it may appere where hir Majestie may be best lodged, bothe in respecte of the hows and of the jorneye.

Item in all places where hir Majesties jornay shalbe x myles or opward yowe shall enquyer of a convenyent dynyng place by the waye and note it in your booke.

Item if yowe fynde by your travyll in this jornay that for lack of good knoweledge of the contry, hir Majesties jornay be either appoynted out of a convenyent course to bryng hir to pryncipall

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placs and howses, where it is likly hir Majestie will remayne for any tyme, or that by some other wayes hir Majestie might be better conveyed and with bettar lodgyngs, to theas pryncipall places and howses; then yowe shall sett downe your opynyons thereof in writyng and shall take note of the howses, of the myles and of all other thyngs before specified, and yowe shall take a note of all parks, forests and chases that be at the places where hir Majesty shall lye or nere to theym by three myles.

Fynally ye shall returne with as muche expedicon as yowe possibly maye and shall bryng perfecte declaracon in writyng of all the premysses, that apon consideracon therof present direction may be taken as shalbe best to hir Highnes good lykyng and contentacon. Dated at Grenewiche xiijth May 1575.

T. Sussex.

fo 25. **The Play-books of St. Anthony's Hospital.**

Collectors for the Poor.

17 June 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Christopher Learmouth shall [have] paid hym forthwyth by Nicholas Haxuppe, master of St. Anthonies, xx^{s} for writing iij play books perteyninge to the said hospitall of St. Anthonies, whiche iij books were now delyvred to the said Nicolas to be saiflie kepte to thuse of the saide hospitall.

And wheras certayne of the same books are in my L. Archbishopps hands it is agreed that the same shalbe required to be restored agayne.

And now collectors for the pore for the yeare next followinge were apoynted.[1]

fo. 25b. **Settlement between the Armourers and the Cutlers.**

For appeasing of certaine greifs now betwene the armorers of the one partie and the cutlers of the other partie, thes articles ensewinge are established of eyther occupacon to be for ever observed.

Fyrst, the wheele and forge shalbe taken from the armorers, and the whole number of that occupacon shall hereafter neyther use neyther the whele nor the forge within this Citie for trimminge or dressing anie thing within ther shops or houses, because that the same hath but of late tyme bene used by the armorers; upon payne of xx^{s}.

Item that the beame shalbe taken from the cutlers and daggermakers, and the whole number of the occupacon shall hereafter neyther use the beame within ther shopps or howses,

[1] List of their names follows here.

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because the same is likewise but of late brought uppe and used of the cutlers; upon payne of xx^{s}.

Item that it shalbe lefull for the daggermakers to make, buy and sell all sorts of daggers, knifs, bodkyns, locketts, sheeres, scheathes of daggers and all other blaidsmyths wares except scaberds, locketts and chepes of swords; upon payne of vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item that the armorers shall not hereafter buy any daggers or dagger blaids, cheeps, locketts, knifs or sheathes to the same within this Cytie but onelie of the daggermakers nor yet grind nor glaze anie of the same; upon payne of vj^{s} viij^{d}.

Item that the armorers and no other shall have the dressing and trymminge of all the swords, sword hiits, dagger hilts, locketts and cheepes as their chapmen and they can agree for the satisfacon of the same, after they have had the same sword hilts, dagger hilts and dagger blaids, locketts and cheapes at the dagger makers hands; on payne of vj^{s} viij^{d}.

fo. 26b. **Agreement about time of Sale.**

1 July 17 Elizabeth (1575).

It is agreed betwene the bladesmythes, blacksmythes and sythesmythes that neyther they nor anie foreigners of the sams scyens shall hereafter oppen anie waires to be sold by retayll in the faires of this Citie before xij of the clok of the same faire dayes, nor shall not sell anie waires but in open fair and market after the said hower upon paine of forfeyture of all suche waire.

fo. 27. **The Archbishop and the Play-books.**

8 July 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that before Mychelmas, Mr. Allyn, Mr. Maskewe, Aldermen, Mr. Roberte Brook and Mr. Andrewe Trewe, shall goe and requier of my L. Archbishop, his grace, all suche ye play books as belong this Cittie, now in his gracs custodie, and that his grace will apoynt twoo or thre sufficiently learned to converte the same, wherein by the lawe of this realme they are to be reformed, and if ther leysure will serve, to goe about the premisses before Lammas next.

fo. 29. **A Commission for ensuring the maintenance of peace.**

26 July 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, 4 Aldermen who are Commissioners to ensure articles to be executed by the Commissioners named in the Commissyon herewith sent to the Cittie of York and Countie of the sayme.

First that the said Commissyoners doe tayke order by ther speciall servaunts to lay good watche, and especially to understand and knowe of all thoffencs speciallyr recyted in thes articles, to

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thintent they may prevent or represse the same or anie other that may chaunce to arise to the disquiet (*fo.* 29b) of the state or good subjects.

Also that ye take order that watches be deulie kept in towneshippes and that suspected persons and travylars in the night or day be not suffred to escape, but to be brought before one of yowe at the least.

Also that rogues and vacabonds be apprehended and used accordinge to the lawes and statuts, for therby manie evils shalbe avoided and moche quietnes arise.

Also that ye se well to inventors and spreaders of rumour, that they and every of them be used and ymprisoned accordinge to the lawes in that case provided.

Also that ye looke well to unlawful and secret conventicles and assembles especiallie of persons suspected.

And that generallie ye doe what ye can to preserve the peace and quiet amongs our subjects, and avoid the contrarie so moch as yow lawfullie may, and that ye doe not call together or troble our subjects to ther disqueit in ther busie tyme of harvest, oneles good occasion soe requier for the repressyon of some great attempte.

Also to take order on the sea coasts that no merchaunt of Scotland ther shippes or wayrs be stayed or troubled in respecte of the late disorder of the frunters untill the Quenes majesties pleasour be therin known, but that they use these lawfull traffiques as hetherto they have done.

For and concernung which commisyon and articles, it is agreed for executing therof that the constable and ij or iij of the moste substancyale persons of everye towneshippe of the Aynstie shall have warnyng to appear before my L. Mayor and others of the said Commissyones on fryday next at viij of the clock before none at the Common Hall, then and ther to have the said artycles gyven them in charge according to thintent of the said Commissyon; and in like manner the constables and ij or iij of everye paroche within the Cittie to appeare before the same Commissyoners, every of them in their severall warrdes and accustomed placs, upon thursday next at viij of the clock before none for thexecuting of the said Commussyon within the same.[1]

fo. 35. **Inspection of the Crane buildings.**

The Queen's Bear-baiter in York.

2 September 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 3 Aldermen.

Mr. Maskewe, Mr. Dynely, Mr. Trewe, Mr. Birkby, Mr. Askwith, and Mr. Stephenson were apoynted to goe to vewe a long chamber at the common crayne now fallen in decay, and to make reporte

[1] On folios 30-33 are the names of the Constables "honest men" of the City parishes and of the Ainsty townships.

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hereof at the next assemblie of this courte, and they to take order at the crayne for what tyme the packs or waires shall lye within the crayne or in the accustomed place therof whiche hath beyne to the greif of manie and they to take advisement therein by the better informacon of the master of the crayne at ther vewe makinge.

And now a barword lycensed to travaile abroade with the Quenes beares is apoynted to baite the sayme upon Peasholme grene this day at after none over against St. Anthonies Hall, so that the pastyme be in full prospecte of the L. Mayor and his Brethren. And the barword to have suche rewarde of the Chamber as my L. Mayor shall thinke mete.

fo. 37b. **Walmgate Ward matters.**

14 October 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the wardens of Walmegate ward [with 3 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv and ten of the Commons] shall monday, xxiiij day of this instant October, goe together to Fosse bridge to viewe and bounden certain grounds and also execute certayne articles herin underwryten viz.—

First, to se that the grates be both end of the bridge nayled and set as before tyme they were; and Myles Gray to be called on for the same graites.

Item that a stable in thoccupacion of Myles Gray be likewise vewed and order taken at the discrecon for the rente therof.

Item that the fishe Shambles be vewed and a rent maid therof, at their discrecions;

(*fo.* 38). Item that the stocks at Walmegate barr be amended.

fo. 39b. **Steps to be taken for the prevention of robberies.**

27 October 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

By the Quene

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well; and for as moch as we and our Counsell in the North parts be enformed that ther hath bene and are heynous robberies of late committed in theise parts of our realme by some young gents and others, riding and travalinge abroade as maisteriesse men not having wherapon to lyve, nor using anie lawfull arte, scyenc or misterie, but fayning one excuse or other, and that in this our Countie of York the like do often mak their aboade, and are suffred to resort and ar receyved into gentlemens howses and some into others, and some permytted to lye and abyde ydlelie in market towns and other placies, moche to the feare of our good subjects; and for that no good can come of this idle lyeng and travelyng, but often dyverse robberres and manie felonies, and other inconveniences lyke to ensew this wynter

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tyme if the same be not prevented; Wherfore we have thought good to authorishe you that yowe cause to be executed the articles herewith sent.

And by hir Counsell.

(*fo.* 40). Articles to be executed by the Mayor, Aldermen and Justics of Peace within the Cittie of York and Countie of the same.

First to assemble your selfs in convenyent plaicies within your placs and liberties by your discrecons for thobservacon of thes articles and ensewinge.

Item that ye take order that no suche person be suffred to remayn or lodge in anie placs, but that they be stayed and broughte before yow or one of you to be examined, and that yow, as the cause shall requier upon thexamynacon, to committ them and everye of them to warde, as rogues or otherwise, to take them bounde to appeare before the L. President or vice President and Counsell at the next gaole delyverie after the said examinacon, or sooner if ye shall think convenyent.

Item that ye send for suche gentlemen and other persons as receyve and keepe anie suche, and commaunde them to bringe the persons suspected before yowe, and take order with them by sufficient bond to be answerable for them, or ells for ther good behavior or otherwise, as the case requireth, so that allwayes suspect persones be kept in order.

Item to se executed the statuts for roges, vacabonds, mynstrells, pedlers and tyncklers, and for the punishment of tellars and spreaders of false tales, newes and of slaunderouse rumors.

Item that ye cawse previe searche to be made in all market townes and other convenyent placies ye thinke mete for the fynding and appehension of suche persons at all tymes wher ye shall thinke convenyent, and at the least everye thre weeks once, and cheifley when anie faire be in the countrie, both in the placies where the faires be and in other placies ther aboute, bothe the dayes of the fairs and before and after.

For as moch as no servaunts reteyned may lawfullie depart from their master or mistresse charge, but upon one quarter warninge or may lawfully depart after his terme ended from anie parish, towne or countre to another without a testimonyall, nor offer service to anie other without shewing the said testymonyall, nor anie may reteyne suche servaunt without shewinge the said testimonyall, under suche paynes and penalties as be in those cases in the laws and statuts made in fift yeare of the Quenes majesties reigne, in the iiijth chapter emongs other necessarie things by you to be redde.

For the execucon of which Commissyon and Articles it is agreed that the constables and ij honest men of everye townshippe within the Aynstie shalbe warned to apeare before my L. Mayour

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and other of his Brethren upon monday next at ix of the clok before none in the Common Hall, and to be charged with thexecution of the same articles; and in lyke manner the same day at one of the clock the wardens in ther severall wardes before whome the contables and fower or twoo honest persons of every parishe to be warned to apearre, for the lyke executying of the said articles.[1]

fo. 41. **Hue and Cry, Alleged Murder.**

7 November 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, 6 Aldermen.

Upon certayne reporte of a man unknowne supposed and crediblie reported to be slayne and murdered nere the watter of Owse, and so slayne and cast into the water of Owse by the commyter of the same acte, who is fled; whereupon the baylyfs were sent forth to prosceute Hew and Crye, and for that thoffender ys not found or knowne therfore it is agreed that wardens, Aldermen in ther severell wards shall goe abowte to everye inne, great and little, and knowe the names and state of all the guests that loged within this Cittie the last night.

fo. 44. **Things to be done at Foss Bridge.**

14 November 17 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen.

Mr. Harbert, Mr. Maskewe, Aldermen, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Askwith, Lawrence Robinson, — Yates, Chamberleynes, Parcyvall Brook, Richard and James Bekwith, who emongs others the xiiijth day of October last past were appoynted to goe to viewe anie defaults at Fossebrig and other placs, upon Monday the next following, with their doings in the same they now certified to this Courte which confirmed the same; tener of which veiwe ensewith:

First that the graits at both ends of Fossebrig be by the Chamberlayns set and nayled as they ought and have bene, and that everye man aboute the same brigge viewe the paving ageinst his howse wher neade is and mend the same upon payne of v^{s}.

Item that the Chamberlaynes cause the lower parte of the houses upon the west side of the brig towards the west to be amended and poynted.

Item that John Hay, Cristofer Hodshon, Uxor Pape, John Chapman, Henrie Fawcon and Robert Colyer, who have made holes in ther severall howses for castyng ther swepings and other things downe into the ryver, which doth not onely corrupt the same ryver but also lettith the due course therof, ar warned to stoppe up and not use anie more the said holes upon payne of v^{s}.

Item that the fishers pluck upp a pale which they have set a great way within the ryver to the great noysance, that no boates can pass by for the same.

[1] Names of constables and honest men given fo. 41b to 43.

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fo. 47. **Wandering Swine in the Streets.**

9 December 18 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Wherbie a great abuse hath bene and yet is used by dyverse citizens that kepith swyne and lets them rune abroade in the streets not onely to the great noysance, but also against the speciall charg geven at the Warde Mote Courts and Sessyons holden within the said Cittie; for reformacon wherein yt is now agreed that it shalbe lawfull to anie the officers at mace to my L. Mayor and to the Sheriffs sergyants, and also to the constables, to take anie swyne of anie citizen that they fynde abroade in the streets, except they be or goe to the market place to be sold, and the same swyne so taken they shall impound in the common fold of that ward, wherein the said swyne shalbe taken; and they to se that the said swyne shalbe there saiflie kept unto suche tyme as he or they, the owners thereof, shall pay to the same officer vj^{s} viij^{d}.

fo. 47b. **Illegal Trading. Bakers not to stable horses.**

17 December 18 Elizabeth (1575). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that if anie Citizen shall allowe anie foryner or stranger to sell by retaile anye wairs or goodes brought to this markett or within this Citie to be sold in anie wairehowse, shoppe or other place, save onelie in the full and open market that everye suche Citizen so doing shall forfayte tenn poundes to the Common Chamber.

Agreed that the baikers shall not tayke in anie horses to gyve meat unto; and if they shall so doo the offendurs shall paye suche fyne as is therfore lymited in the inholders Ordinary.

fo. 50. **The Liberty of the Minster.**

17 January 18 Elizabeth (1575-6).

Agreed that my L. President at his retorne shalbe spoken with concerning thassessement of the gents within the Minster garth for the light horsmen last set out by the Citie and Aynstie, the payment of which assessments hath bene and yet is denyed by the saide gentlemen.

fo. 51b. **City Goods taken without leave. Walls at St. Leonard's.**

27 January 18 Elizabeth (1575-6). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Myles Gray shall pay forthwith iiij^{li} xij^{s} priced and set downe for certayne tymber, plaister, lyme and other stuf whiche he tooke of the Citie store without license and so found by thauditors of Mr. Lamberts accompte and Mr. Maskewe.

Agreed that Mr. Maskewe, Mr. Dynely, Mr. Birkbie, Mr. Jackson or three of them to veiwe the Cytie walls nigh St. Leonardes

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pulled downe before Mr. Harberts mayoraltie; and workemen to be sett on worke at thes discreccon in March next.

fo. 52. **Expenses of one M.P. paid by the City.**

30 January 18 Elizabeth (1575-6). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 11 of the xxiv.

Agreed that onelie Mr. Hughe Graves, Alderman, one of the Burgesses of this Citie, shall goe uppe to the next Parlyament, and to have his charges borne of the Cities store. Yet Mr. Gregorie Pacoke an other of the said Burgesses, sayeth he will goe uppe to the said Parlyament for that he hath certaine other busynesse ther that he must needs goe.

And further it is agreed that the said Mr. Hugh Graves, Burgess, shall have x^{li} in his purse at his going uppe to London to be payed him by the Chamberleyns towards his dyetts and charges; and further that the said Mr. Graves shall have paid him for his lyverey vj^{s} viij^{d}; and he to have allowed him for the charges and expenses of him, his man and his horses for every day six shillings eight pence.

fo. 54. **Reception and Housing of the poor from outside the City.**

3 February 18 Elizabeth (1575-6). *Present*—Thomas Harrison, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Mr. Wardens within their severall wards shall every quarter of the yere, once at the least, make a viewe of all the pore within their said wards, and to take ordre as well for thois whiche have releif as others, as concernyng the howsyng and receyving of straunge pore; and the constables to appere at the same view, and to execute their office as they shalbe commaunded by the said wardens.

fo. 55b. **A Muster of the Poor. Labourers summoned.**

17 February 18 Elizabeth (1575-6). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the constables and also the poore of this Citie and suburbs shalbe commanded to appere before my Lord Mayor, Aldermen and xxiiij in their severall wards at their placs accustomed, than and there to viewe and take order for releif of the said pore, accordyng to the statute.

And further it is aggreed that all the laborers of this Citie and suburbs shalbe called before the Lord Mayor and Aldermen at this place on Wedynsday come a sevennyght at ix of the clock before noone.

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fo. 57b. **A Register of the Poor. Muster of Labourers and their wives.**

2 March 18 Elizabeth (1575-6). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

A booke or register made of the late viewe of all the pore of this Citie was nowe redd and considered.

And nowe it was agreed that all the laborers and their wiefs within this Citie shall be called in before the Lord Mayor and his Brethren, upon Wedinsdaie next at one of the clock in thafter none at the Common Hall, ther to be viewed; and suche of them as are allowed and appoynted to worke as common laborers of this Citie; their names doe ensew.[1]

fo. 60. **Ordinance of Joiners and Carpenters.**

A Tailor loses his Citizenship.

21 March 18 Elizabeth (1575-6). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the searchers of the carpenters, joyners etc, of this Citie shall not from hensforth take anie pageant money or anie other duetei of any the fre Citizens of this Cittie, but onely of straungers for buyeng and selling againe of latts and bourdes, within this Cittie.

(*fo.*60b.) And for so moche as John Harper of this Cittie, taylor, being a freman of the same hath dyverse tymes heretofore been presented in the Sessyons and Wardmote Courtes to be common barretor[2] and breaker of the Quenes peace to the great disquyet and trouble of manie the Citizens of the same, whiche faults hertofore, upon his promise of amendment, hath bene wynked at; but for so moche as it appeareth that the said Harper goeth about the disturbancs of his neybours and contyneweth his said misdemenor, and without anie shewe or hope of amendment, contrarye to the duetie of a good subject and sworne Citizen; therfore it is now agreed that the said John Harper shalbe ymedyatlie disfranchised and not to occupye as a fre Citizen of this Citie who being called in was let to understand the same and commaunded to shutt uppe his shoppe wyndowes furthwith.

fo. 62. **Report of the M.P.'s.**

30 March 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

And now Mr. Gregory Pacoke and Mr. Hugh Graves, Burgesses of this Cittie, neweley come from London, personallie being present,

[1] Here on folios 57b and 58 follow the names of those who are allowed to become common labourers, 77 in all. On fo. 58b is a list of names of those who were not allowed to become common labourers.

Barretor; a fraudulent dealer.

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brought a table of thactes passed at this last Parlyament in prynt, whiche were now redde, and also brought the Quenes prevey seale for levyinge of the taxe of this Cytie granted at the last Parlyament, whiche privey seale my L. Mayor now receyved and layd up the same in the cupboard in this Chamber saifley to kepe untill occasyon shall serve to occupye the same. And further that the said Burgesses ther declared ther further proceedings for this Cittie at London.

fo. 63. **M.P.'s Expenses to be paid.**

Agreed that Mr. Gregorie Pacoke, one of the Burgesses at the last Parlyament shall have payed him forthwith x^{li} in parte of payment of his charges at the last Parlyament; and that Mr. Graves, thother Burgess, shall have payed him iij^{li} v^{s} vj^{d} in full payment of all his chargs for his man and his horse in going uppe, contynewing there, and coming downe and for all other chargs disbursed by hym.

fo. 63b. **Tax arrangements.**

27 April 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Wheras ther is abated l^{li} of eyther tax granted at the last Parlyament to be levied within thes Citie; it is agreed that the severall taxes of everye paroche within the same Citie being devided into three parts ther shalbe levied by the collectors therof onelie twoe partes and so thestreats and billetts to be rated and made accordinglie.[1]

fo. 66. **Present of Wine.**

3 May 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that a whole tonne of wyne shold be bought of the chargs of this Cittie, and ye same to be bestowed as followeth, that is to say, ij hoggesheads to Sir Thomas Gargrave, one hoggeshead to Mr. Recorder, and the fowerth hoggeshead to be bestowed as folowith: that is to say, where, as my L. Mayor, the Aldermen and the prevye counsell shall thynke meet.

fo. 67. **Watch to be kept.**

1 June 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, 3 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the watche shalbe kept within this Citie frome the Ascension day unto Michelmes next accordyng to the statute and that warnyng therof shalbe furthwith gyven accordyngly.

[1] On folios 64 and 64b are the sums collected from the parishes of York The sum total of the whole tax for the City, after deduction of one third was £91 0s. 9d.

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fo. 68b. **Non-attenders at Church to be fined.**

6 June 18 Elizabeth (1576).

Forasmoche as dyverse disobedyent persons within this Cittie, neglecting ther dueties to God and the Quenes Majestie, will in no wise come to ther parishe churches to here the devyne service of Almightie God, according to His lawes and the lawes of this Realme; therfore it is now agreed that according to the forme of the Statute in that case provided, warrants shalbe maid to the church wardens of every parish, wherein any the said disobedyent persons doe dwell, commaundinge them to levie xij^{d} of the goods and cattles of every such person, by way of destresse, for every tym that he or she furnishe no sufficient excuse, shalbe absent from the parishe churche every Sonday or holiday in the tyme of Common prayer, preaching or other service of God. The copie of the names of which said disobedyent persons sent from Mr. Deane and others the Commissioners ar underwrytten as followeth.

The names of suche persons as were detected in the last inquisiccon after the receipte of the lettres from the Lords of the Pryvie Counsell.

Pyke paroche:	Uxor Thomas Wilson.
Belfrayes:	Uxor Will. Tesymond and his famylie. Uxor Will. Durham. Elena Boothe. Mr. Dunwiche. Trystram Staynburn.
Martyns in Coney strete:	Anysa Cooke Uxor. Ambrose Cooke.
St. Johns at Ousebrig end:	Thomas Atkinson.
Bushophill younger:	Mr. Teske, gent, his wieff. Cuthbate Lynton. Uxor — Beesley.
St. Maries in Castlegate:	Gregorie Wilkinson. Uxor Petri Porter.
Trinities in Mycklegate:	John Edwyn and his wief. Francis Walker nor Anne Dicconson doe not receyve.
St. Sampsons:	Thomas Wrayth. Uxor Tho. Oldcorne.
Crists parish:	Uxor Doctor Vavasor. Uxor Ric. Hallidayes. Uxor Geo. Hall. Uxor Percivalli Geldert. Uxor Johannis Collyer. Uxor Johannis Clithoro.

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All Hallows upon the Pavement:	Uxor Johannis Wildon. Will. Wilkinson and wief.
St. Olaves:	Uxor Willelmi Wood. Willelmus Branton et uxor ejus.
Trenyties:	Henry Seal. Stecket widowe.

The above come not to church.

fo. 70b. **Poor Law Administration.**

20 June 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that my L. Mayor, Aldermen, Shireffs and xxiiij shall apon Moneday next comyng at viij of the clock before noone of the same day mete at the Common Hall for takyng ordre for the poore, accordyng to the last Acte of Parlyament of the Quenes majestie reigne, And that a lettre shalbe directed to the worshipfull of the Aynstie and also preceptes to the balyffs of the Aynsty to commande the constables, and twoo of the most discrete and honest persones of every township of the Aynsty, to be here that day, hower and place.

fo. 71. **Money for the poor. St. George Close.**

22 June 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the parochians of every paroche of this Citie shall assesse money for the poore within their severall paroches, soo that they levie so moche money of every paroche as hath bene heretofore assessed by this hous.

And nowe Mr. Harbert and others who were latly appoynted to make viewe of certayne defalts in Saynt George closse made their report of the same, and declared that Mr. Wilkynson hath made certayne pitts in the same, whiche wilbe the destruction of the said close if order be not therein taken. And nowe it is aggreed that the same shalbe considered at the next assemble of this hous.

fo. 71b. **Letter to the Gentlemen of the Aynstie.**

To the right worshipfull and their lovyng frends; Sir Robert Stapleton Knight, Marmaduke Slyngesby, Gabriell Fairfax, Henry Vavasour, Peter Newark, John Thwaites, John Ingleby, offycers, William Barnebie, Henry Fairfax, Peter Lawson, Leonard Clapham, and Charles Wharton, gentlemen, and to all others the gentlemen of the Aynstie, and to every of them:

After our hartie consideracons; where as we are aggreed to mete at the Common Hall of this Citie on Moneday next, beyng the

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xxvjth day of June instant, at viij of the clock in the mornyng, to thyntent to take ordre for the poore within the Aynstye, according to the late Acte of Parliament made in this present xviijth yere of the Quenes majesties reigne, which our intentions as we allwayes mynded to ympart unto yow before any execucion therof with request for your good advyses and assistances therein, soo we hartily desyre yowe to be with us at the same tyme and place; and that we may have your good advyses and furtherances in the premysses and thus we comytt yow to God.

Frome Yorke, the xxth of June 1576.

Your lovyng freynds

Edmunde Richardson, Mayor of the Citie of York and his brethren, Aldermen of the same

fo. 72. **Meeting with the Gentlemen of the Ainsty.**

25 June 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*— Edmund Richardson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Counsell Chambre of the Common Hall of this Citie, together with certayne the worshipfull of the Aynstie viz.: Sir Robert Stapleton, Knight, John Thwaites, esquyer, Charles Wharton, Guy Jackson and Guy Frankland, gentlemen, and certayne others the gentlemen of the said Aynstie, for and concernyng the takyng ordre for the poore within the Aynstie accordyng to the late Acte of Parliament, made in this present xviijth yere of the Quenes majesties reigne; where and when upon consultacon had emongs theym, and request made to the said worshipfull of thaynstie by the said L. Mayor and Aldermen, Justices therin; the said worshipfull of the Aynstie, as well for their owne quyetnes as other consideracons, weare contented to take apon theym the begynnyng and furtheryng of the said good work; and desired of the said L. Mayor and Justices to have some instruccons for their bettar remembrans of the premysses; the whiche request was consented and aggreed unto by the said L. Mayor and Justics; and the said worshipfull of the Aynstie to certifie their doyngs in the premysses to the said L. Mayor and Justics before the next generall Sessions of peace, to be kept within the said Citie, to thentent the said L. Mayor and Justics in their said Sessions may take further order as touchyng the premysses accordyng to the said Acte. The tenor of whiche instruccons herafter foloweth.

Certayne instruccons gyven by the L. Mayor and Aldermen of the Citie of York to Sir Robert Stapleton etc and others the worshipfull of the Aynstie, as towchyng order for the pore there is to be sett on work by force of the late Acte of Parliament made in the xviijth yere of the Quenes majestie reigne.

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First the placyng of the hows of correccon.

Item the nombre of the poore and what severall sorts they be, and what somme of money is to be provided for settyng the said pore on work.

Item what somme of money is convenyent and mete to be levied for buying of the stuff for settyng the pore on work. And also what somme of money is mete to be levied for providyng and furnisshyng of the said hows of correcon; and after what sorte and rate and of what persons the said sommes is to be levied.

(*fo.* 72b). Item who are mete to be collectors, or governors of the pore. And also who are mete to be censores or wardens for the hows of correccon, and who are mete to be collectors for the said hows of correccon.

Item the said worshipfull of the Aynstie to certifie their doyngs in the premysses to the said L. Mayor and Aldermen before the next generall Sessions of peace to be kepte within the saide Citie of Yorke.

fo. 73. **M.P.'s Expenses.**

27 June 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Mr. Gregory Pacock, Alderman, one of the Burgesses for this Citie at the last Parliament shall have payed hym by the Chambrelaynes, the chardges of hym, his man and horse for all such tyme as he was at London at the said Parliament, with goyng up and contynewing there, and comyng downe. The money already payed hym by the Chambrelaynes to be allowed and accompted as parcell.

And nowe collectors for the poore of every paroche of this Citie for this yere next folowyng were appoynted.[1]

fo. 74b. **Setting the poor to work.**

4 July 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Where as towchyng order takyng for settyng of the pore of this Citie on worke, accordyng to the late Acte of Parliament; it was aggreed as folowith, viz. First that Saynt George hows shalbe the hows of correccon for the pore of this Citie. Also that the pore of this Citie shalbe viewed with all expedicon by my L. Mayor, Mr. Aldermen, Sheryffs and xxiiij. And to begynne with Monkward on Moneday next at viij of the clocke before noone at Saynt Anthony Hall; Bothome warde on Wedynsday next at one of the clock in the after noone at the Common Hall; Walmegate warde on fryday next at Trynetie Hall, and Miklythward apon Monedaythan next folowyng at the like howre at St. Thomas hows; and the constables of every

[1] On folios 73 and 73b are given the names of these collectors.

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paroche of this Citie to be charged in the meane tyme to bryng in all their pore, whatsoever they be, as well olde as younge, with their names in writyng at the said dayes, howers and places; and at their said viewe to consider and sett downe who is mete to work and what kynde of worke.

And nowe it is aggreed that Mr. Maltby, Sheryf, and Mr. Robert Asquith, draper, who latly went up to London to make answer in the Duchie Courte towchyng tolnes exacted of theym, and certayne others the free Citizens of this Citie at Wakefeld and Bradford, by force of previe seales latly served apon; that the said Mr. Maltby and Mr. Askwith shall have payed theym forthwith by the Chamberlaynes fyve marks equally betwene theym, and also xxxiij^{s} iiij^{d} by theym disbursed at London to counsellars and clerk for fees equally betwixt theym.

fo. 77. **Ovens at the Guildhall.**

23 July 18 Elizabeth (1576).

The ovens standing in the tenement at the Common Hall gates in the tenement of Thomas Colthurst belonging to the Mayor and Commonaltie shalbe furthwith made up and repaired by the Chamber chargs.

fo. 77b. **Names and abodes of all who do not attend Church.**

3 August 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

By the Quene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yow well; and whereas we understand that dyverse and sundrie persons, as well men as women doe absent themselfs from ther parishe churches and will not come to the service of Almightie God, or sermons or admynistracon of sacraments, to the evell and perillous example of others our good loving subjects, and to the grete contempt of our lawes and statuts of this our realme; we therfore mynding the speedie redresse of the same will and authorise yowe, that ye and everye of yowe forthwith doo take order with the curats and churchwardens of every parisshe within your Cittie of York and Countie of the same, and to certifie the names, surnames and dwellings both of the men and women which be in that behalf offendours before the ixth of August instant to Therle of Huntingdon.

York, First day of August.

And by hir Counsell.

Upon the reading wherof it was ordered that all the curats and churchwardens within this Cittie shalbe presentlie commanded to be in this place to morowe at ix of the clock, and the curats and churchwardens of the Aynstie to be in lyke manner at the Common Hall upon Monday next at ix of the clock, for the bettar execution of the same Commission to present the names of the offendours.

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fo. 78. **New Directions for repression of disorder.**

6 August 18 Elizabeth (1576).

By the Quene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well; and wheras we be certainlie enformed that certayne disorders contrarie to both good lawes and ordinances of this realme do daylie aryse and encrease within our Cyttie and Countie of York to the great trouble and disquiet of our good subjects; we have thought good to gyve you warnyng therof, to thentent ye maye represse and avoyd the same. This therfore is to command and authorise yowe diligentlie to ymploye yourselves for the execucon of the articles herewith sent unto you.

And by hir Counsell.

Articles to be executed by the Justics of peace in the Cyttie of York and Countie of the same Cyttie and the liberties therof.

First to have before them the curats and churchwardens of everie parisshe, and to take ther othes to make true presentment and certificat unto you, at suche daie and place as ye shall appoynt of the names etc of every man and woman, which do absent them, selves or not resorte upon the sabothe daies or other holie or festivall daies, to divine service etc; and how longe they have absented them or any of them from the same or every of them.

(*fo.* 78b). Also to enquire by fower men to be sworne of every parissh, by all the meanes ye can, of all confederaties, conspiracies, assemblies and meetings of suche as be suspected persons and of the occasions and causes of their metinges and assemblies; and of suche as wander from place to place to teache and instructe any in any poynte of religion, contrarie to the lawes and ordynancs of this realme and of all thoes that receave, harber, cherish or relieve them or any of them and to present the same.

And to enquire of all spreders of falce newes and rumors touching the Quenes majestie, the nobles or bisshopes of this realme, or other matter touching the state of the realme or any parte therof.

And to take order as muche as ye convenyentlie maye for the due executons of the statute for the releafe of the poore and punysshment of rogues and vacabonds, and for the furtherance for the havyng of stocks in convenient placs; for to sett suche poore on labore as may convenientlie worke; and touching the erectyng of howses of correction for such as refuse to work or to do ther worke as they ought to do.

And to take order for repaying or making of highe wayes and bridges according to the lawes of this realme; and if any some be appoynted for thies purposes to se the same provided and the same bestowed as yt was appoynted.

Also to enquire of them that eyther refuse to paie the some as assessed for the relefe of the poore, for the maintaynance of stock to

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sett them on worke, or for the repayre or making of high waies and bridgs, and eyther ask of them sharplie for the same or to certifie to the L. Presydent and others of the Quenes majesties Counsell in the Northe parts, ther names with the placs of ther dwellings with all the certentie of everie of ther offencs.

Also to take away all nedles aile houses, speciallie suche as be placed at outsydes of townes or upon mores and waistes, and to se punnishment for unlawful games and that artyllory be used. Also to se the watches kept and heue and crie to be maid as apperteyneth.

Item that ye doe take order that frome henceforth no man carry about with him or use anye longe staves above the lenght of eight foote, nor anie pikes in any staffes above two ynches long.

Also that ye shall name and appoynt fower sufficient men for the Countie of our Cytie of York, mete to be high constables, and to present ther names and dwelling places to the Lorde Presydent and Counsell, the xxij of September next, to the intent the Lord President and Counsell maie appoynt two of them to serve as highe constables in our said Countie of our Cyttie of Yorke.

(*fo.* 80). The names of the curats and churchwardens, iiij men etc. of the Cittie of Yorke and Countie of the same sworne and charged with the execucon of the commission and articles dated v August.[1]

fo. 83. **Strict execution of the order to attend Church ordered.**

To our trustie and welbeloved the Mayor and Aldermen of our Cyttie of Yorke.

By the Quene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yow well; and whereas at the Parlyament holden at Westminster in the first yeare of our reigne, it was amongs other things enacted that all persons within this our realme, or in anie other our domynions shold diligentlie and faithfully, having no lawfull let or reasonable excuce to be absent, indevor themselfs to resorte to the parish churche or chappell accustomed, upon every Sonday or other dayes ordeyned or used to be kept as holie dayes, ther to abide orderlie and soberlie during the tyme of the common prayers, preaching or other services of God mynistred within the same, upon payne of punishment by the censures of the churche; and also upon pane that every person so offending shall forfait for every suche offence xij^{d}, to be levied by the churchwardens of the parish wher such offence shalbe comytted, to thuse of the poore of the same parish as by the same Acte emongs other things more at large appeareth. Forasmoche as we understand that you, the Maior and Aldermen have sence the making of the same Acte bene remisse, and neeligent in the execucon therof;

1 Names follow folios 80 to 82.

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so as by your slacknes therein, whiche our subjects litle regarding ther dueties to Almightie God and ther obedyens, have to the evell and perillouse example of manie others absented themselves from ther parishe churche, and doe obstynatalie refuse to come to heare the devyne service or sermon or to the receyving of the sacraments, which thei ought to doe. We mynding therefore the speadie reformacon thereof, have thought good to put you in remembrance of your office and dueties therin, and to be from henseforth more carefull and diligent in the better execucon of the said statute and lawe then heretofore you have bene; and therefore we commaund you that ye without delay take order with the churchwardens of every parish to se that the said statute be severelie and sharpelie executed according to the tenor and true meaninge thereof without anie parcialytie, favour and affeccon to be shewed or used in that behalf to anie of the wilfull offendurs, or to ther ayders or favorers in that there evell doings.

York. xiij day of August.
And by hir Counsell.

(*fo.* 83b). 22 August 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, 4 Aldermen.

For dewe execucon of the Quenes majestie late Commysson ageinst certayne persones absenting theym selfs from ther parish churche service and sermons etc. It is now agreed that precepts shalbe forthwith made and executed to the churchwardens of every parish of the Cittie and Aynstie against all thoffenders in the premisses latelie presented etc, to levie xij^{d} by way of distresse of every suche offender of every offence, commanding them also therby to make certificate of their doings therein to my L. Mayor and Aldermen forthwith and the precepts to be made.

fo. 84b. **Non-attendance at Church.**

26 August 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

William Bowman, whoo was latly presented for not commyng to his parishe churche, personally appeared, and forsomoche as he beyng nowe moved to come to his parishe churche will not be therunto persuaded, but obstynatly refuseth so to doo; therfore it is nowe aggreed that the churche wardens of his parishe, with ayde of the constables there, shall forthwith goo to his hows and take his distresse. And if the said Bowman shall chanse to make any reskewe or resistance than he to be apprehended imediatly and comytted to ward duryng my L. Mayor pleasure.

And further it is aggreed that William Huton of Chrysts paroch, Thomas Ward of Saynt Cuthberts paroche, John Wood of Saynt Maurics paroohe, Richard Braferton of Saynt Dionyse

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paroche, Gregorie Wilkynson of the paroche of St. Marye in Castlegate, Thomas Pereson of Saynt Margaret paroche, John Edwyn of Trynitie paroche in Mikilgate, and all other men beyng lyke offendars, shalbe called in and perswaded to come to ther severall paroche churches and apon their refusall to be used in like ordre.

fo. 85. **Work for the Poor.**

7 September 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen.

Aggreed that a certayne somme of money shall with all convenyent spede be taxed and levied of thinhabitants of this Citie for a stock to sett the poore on work, accordyng to the late Acte of Parliament.

fo. 86. **Plague Precaution.**

19 September 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreed that forasmoche as Gregory Burgeous doth resorte to the towne of Kingstone upon Hull, where ther be dyverse infected with the plague, and unto many persons ther the said Gregorie hath and doth minister phisicque; that therfore his doores shalbe shutt uppe, and his shoppe also; and that from hensforthe he shall not be suffred to resorte anie more unto this Citie untill further order be therin taken by my Lord Mayor and his Bretheren; and if he shalbe taken within this Citie then he to be punished at the discreccon of my L. Mayor and his Bretheren.

Agreed that John Churton, smyth, shall have iij^{li} allowed of every stone for waist of all suche yron as he hath delyvered by the Chamberlaynes to worke for repayring of the staythe.

fo. 87b. **Further information required about non-attenders at Church.**

Request from Sir Thomas Cecil.

12 October 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Edmund Richardson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

By the Quene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well. Where of late our President and Counsell in the Northe parts receyved from yowe certayne certificats of persons that refuse to come to service and sermon in their parishe churches or ususal chappell within our Cittie of York etc; yet for that some imperfections were in your said certificats, and that we are disyrous to knowe the certayne estaits degrees, livings, actes or welthe of the same persons, whiche is omitted in your said certificatts; and for that some have presented generally all is well, and no defaute emongs theym or in ther parishes,

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and also it should seme that manye knowne to be offendours in this first Article be omitted and not presented att all. Therefore we have thought good, eftsones to requyre yowe without making any sturr or assemblie, that ye call before yowe onely suche fewe persons of suche sundrie parishes as ye thinke convenyent, and to learne the names, quallities, welthe and degrees of all suche persones as doe utterlie refuse commyng to the churche; and also the cause of their absence. And like wise to certifie your owne knowledge of any person or persons offending therin. And of your doyngs to send the certificats perfectly in writing.

York vjth October.

And by hir Counsell.

(*fo.* 88). Alsoe there was a lettre read, directed to my Lord Mayor and his Bretherne from Sir Thomas Cecill, Knight, bearyng date the xxiiijth day of Septembre 1576; whereby the said Sir Thomas did desire and requyre my said Lord Mayor and his Bretherne to permytt and suffre James Rokeby, servant unto the said Sir Thomas Cecill, quyetly to passe throughe the liberties of the said Citie of York, with fyfty fodders of lead, which the said Sir Thomas had bought of one James Cottrell (the said Rokeby, the said Sir Thomas his servant) paying all such dewties and cranage as this said Citie are accustomed.[1]

fo. 89. **Death of the Mayor. A new one to be elected.**

16 October 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—John Beane, *locum tenens*, 7 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Consell Chambre apon Ouse brig, aboute thre of the clock in the afternone, as towching order takyng for the eleccon of a newe Mayor in the rome and place of the right worshipfull Mr. Edmund Richardson, late maire of this Citie, who it hath pleased God to take to his mercye this present daye about eleven of the clocke. And forsomoche as Mr. Recorder is presently forth of this Citie, who is very nedefull to be at the said eleccon, unto whom alsoo a lettre is allreadye directed for his repare hither for that purpose; it is therefore aggreed by theis presens that the Common Counsell and the eldest of the searchers of the xiij and xv crafts of this Citie shalbe warned to assemble theymselfs in peacable maner at the Common Hall of this Citie tomorrow by ix of the clocke. And in case Mr. Recorder shall chanse to come home tomorrow by x of the clock, then the said Aldermen and Sheriffs shall refrain from thens to the said Common Hall for the eleccon of the said newe Mayor according to the chartre. Or ells if Mr. Recorder be not at home by that tyme then a further hower shalbe to be appoynted for that purpose, And the said Common Counsell and head searchers to have warnyng therof.

[1] This permission is granted.

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fo. 90. **Election of a new Mayor and Alderman.**

Funeral of the late Mayor.

17 October 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, *locum tenens*, William Byrnand, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall of this Citie for the eleccon of a newe Mayor in place of the right worshipfull, Mr. Edmund Richardson, late Mayor of this Citie decessed, according to the Chartre for eleccon. And apon three elytes putt in by the Common Counsell and head searchers of the xiij and xv crafts of this Citie, that is to say, Mr. Raulf Hall, Mr. John Dyneley and Mr. Hughe Graves, Aldermen. The said Mr. Raulf Hall was by most voyces of the said Aldermen and Shereffs chosen to be L. Mayour of this Citie frome this present day unto the feast of Saynt Blase next comyng; whoo beyng here present, satt downe in the seate, and toke his oathe of mayoraltie accustomed, and also the oathe appoynted for every temporall judge, Justice, Mayor, etc., to receyve by Acte of Parliament made in the first yere of the Queenes majestie reigne. And after that the Aldermen Shireffs and xxiiij and alsoo the Common Clerk, the Esquyers at Sworde and Mace and the sixe officers at Mace toke their severall oathes accustomed. And than the Commons took their oaths.

And further after that ymediatly the same day, the said L. Mayor, Aldermen, Shireffs, Common Counsell and head serchers of the xiij and xv crafts proceded to the eleccon of a newe Alderman, in rowme of the said Mr. Edmund Richardson decessed; and apon three elytes put in by the said Common Counsell and head serchars of the xiij and xv crafts aforesaid, viz., Mr. Robert Criplynge, Mr. William Robynson and Mr. James Byrkby, (*fo.* 90b) the said Mr. Robert Criplyng was by most voyces of the said L. Mayour, Aldermen and Shireffs chosen to be Alderman in place of the said Mr. Edmund Richardson, decessed; whiche Mr. Criplyng was now absent.

Mem that the said Mr. Robynson and Mr. Byrkby were first twoo of the said three elytes for the said Alderman. And as for the iijrd elyte, Mr. Robert Brook had indifferent and as many voyces as the said Mr. Cripling. Soo that it was doubtefull whether of theym shoulde be the thirde elyte. Therfore, by consent of the said L. Mayor, Aldermen and Sheryffs, the said Common Counsell and head searchers aforesaid, who gave all the voyces of the said thre elites were putt and did gyve their voyces of newe, whether the said Mr. Robert Criplyng or Mr. Robert Brooke shoude stand for the thirde elite. Whois voyces being gyven the said Mr. Criplyng had more voyces than Mr. Brook, and so was the thirde elite. Wherefore the said L. Mayour, Aldermen and Sheriffs geving their voices chose Mr. Robert Cripling to be Alderman as is aforesaid.

And after the said eleccons and other the premysses fynysshed as is aforesaid, the said newe Mayour, having the sworde and

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guylted mace and the sylver maces caried before hym, and accompayned with the said Mr. Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriffs and xxiiij, with all the said Common Counsell and head sergans aforesaid repared and went together to the newe Mayors place. And than and there ymediatly the said Recordar, Aldermen, Sheriffs and xxiiij, Common Counsell and head searchers toak their leave of the said newe Mayor and went home to their howses. And after that about fower of the clock in the afternone of the same day, the corps of the said late Mayour was solemply enterred at the paroche church of Saynt Sampsons. The said newe Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Sheriffs, the xxiiij and manie others beyng at the said buriall and the said swords and maces beyng borne before the said coarse; and eight Aldermen, bearing the same coarse frome the said late Mayor his place to the said churche.

(*fo.* 91). Mem. that the day of the funerall of the said Lorde Mayor was upon Tewesday then next folowing beying the xxiijth day of the said moneth of Octobre; at whiche funerall was the said newe Mayor, Mr. Recordar, the Aldermen, the Ladies their wifes, the Sheriffs, the xxiiij and their wifs and dyverse others the worshipfull and honest persones of the said Citie as well Citizens as others.

fo. 92b. **Tolls for the new Mayor. London business.**

24 October 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Richard Hall, Mayor, Thomas Appleyard, *locum tenens*, William Byrnand, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 11 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that my L. Mayour, that nowe is, shall have the tolnes of the market apon the Pavement, and of the markets in Cony strete, from sonday beyng the xiijth day of Octobre instant unto Saynt Blase day next; and that than my Lady Richardson, late wif to the late L. Mayour, decessed, shall have the same tolnes unto Saynt Mathie day, beyng xxiiijth day of februarye than next; and the rent to be rated and the same Lady to pay ratabley for the rent duryng that tyme.

Instruccons for Mr. Belt to be done at London this Michelmas terme 1576.

First for the fyne knowlegyng by Sir William Babthorpe, Knight, of certayne lands in Barthrop.

Item to bryng downe the basyn and ewer gyven to the Mayor and Comonaltie of this Citie by Mr. Metcalf, gold smyth, and to delyver an acquetans therfor.

Item to take a copie of Sir Thomas White, Knight, his will under seale, so moche as concerneth his devise of ciiij^{li} to this Citie.

Item for the tolne of Bradforth.

Item for the tolne of Rippon.

Item for the tolne at Gainesborough to stay the same.

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Item for ympost wynes for the L. Mayour of the Citie of Yorke, sexe tonnes.

Item for the sewt for the lands, parcell of Saynt Thomas howse.

Item there is xiij poore folks at the least in the same hospitall.

Item to speak unto my L. Presydent and Lord Archebisshop and my L. of Sussex for their helpe for the hospitall of St. Thomas, and also to my L. Kepar and L. Treasurer.

(*fo.* 93). 3 November 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen.

A draught of a letter of Attorney for cognysans of plea for all accons, and alsoe a draught of an acquietans for the basyn and ewar bequeased to the Mayor and Comminaltie of this Citie by Mr. Thomas Metcalf, goldsmyth, was perused by Mr. Recorder and theffecte therof declared to theis presens. And therapon it was aggreed that the same letter of Attorney and acquietans shalbe forthwith engrossed in parchement and to be sealed with the Common Seale; and soo to be sent up to London to Mr. Belt to thentent that he may receyve the said basyn and ewar and therapon to delyver the acquietans, and he to demand cognysans of plea accordyngly.

fo. 94b. **Arrears of poor rate. Corporation plate.**

Bars to be watched at Martinmas.

7 November 18 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Forsomoche as My Lord President and othus are behynde with their benevolences to the pore, so that the money assessed and levied of the citizens will not extende to releve the pore; therfore it is nowe aggreed that the money lackyng for releif of the said pore shalbe payed forth of the Common Chambre to thands of the L. Mayor, untill suche tyme as my said Lord President and others have payed their said benevolencs, yet behynde; and further that all thois citizens whiche are yet behynde forthwith called before my L. Mayor and Counsell to pay the same.

And nowe it was aggreed that my Lady Richardson, widowe, shall at the next assemble of this hows bryng in the basyn and ewar of sylver, parcell gilt, of Sir Martyn Bowes gyft, and also the sylvar cupp gilt of Mr. Tanckards bequest, and ij lyveray potts of silver gilt, belonging to the Corporacon, and also all suche money as is remaynyng in hir hands and receyved by hir late husband Mr. Ed. Richardson, late Mayor, by reason of his office.

(*fo.* 95). Aggreed that the barrs of this Citie shalbe watched on Martynmas day next viz. by fower men at every barre; and the constables to be commanded in the meane tyme to charge twoo men of every paroch for the said watche, and to begynne the same

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watche at sixe of the clock in the mornyng and to contynewe to ten of the clock before none; and so forth through the daye by foure persones watching every fower howers; and that the persones so watching do not suffre any servants, nether men nor women to entre the Citie except they have a sufficient testymonyall to showe, according to the Statute in that case provided, that they are lycensed to depart frome their maister, mistres or dames.

And also it is aggreed that all the posternes shalbe locked throughe the wholle day.

And nowe it was aggreed that the Lord Mayour and Aldermen shall apon monday next sitt apon the last Commyssion concernyng persones absentyng theym from the churche; and that the persones latly offendyng therin shalbe called before the Lord Maior and Wardens in their severall wards at their placs accustomed.

fo. 96. **Persons who refuse to come to Church with their reasons.**

20 November 19 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Robert Hall, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 2 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

And nowe the examynacons of certayne persones utterly refusyng to come to the churche, latly taken before the L. Mayor and Aldermen in their severall wards, by vertewe of the Quenes majestie late Commysson were nowe redde before theym and perused.

And further it was aggreed that certificat shalbe forthwith therof made to the Lord President accordyng to the saide Commyssion.

(*fo.* 96b). Walmegate Warde.

All hallowes on the Pavement.

Elizabeth Wilkynson, wif of William Wilkynson, mylner, sayeth she cometh not to the churche, bycause ther is nithere preist, aultar nor sacrifice.

The said William Wilkinson is worth in clere goods xl^{s} as we thynk.

Katheryne Wildon, wif of John Wildon, tayler, sayeth she cometh not to the churche, bycause there is neither aultar nor sacrifice.

The said John Wildon is worth in clere goods Lxvj^{s} viij^{d} as we thynk.

Peter layne litle.

Luce Plowman, wif of William Plowman, mylnar, sayeth she cometh not to the church bycause she liketh not of the preist nor of the sacrament. The same William is worth in clere goods xl^{s}.

Cruxe paroche.

William Bowman, locksmith, sayeth he refuseth to come to the churche by cause he thynketh it is not the catholick churche, for there is neither preist, aultar nor sacraments; and sayeth that he is worth in clere goods not above xl^{s} and so we thynke.

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Isabel Bowman, wif of the said William Bowman, sayeth she cometh not to the churche, for hir conscience will not serve hir, bycause there is not the sacrament honge up, and other thyngs, as hath bene aforetyme; and further, she sayeth that she doeth not beleve that suche words as the preist redith are trewe.

Margaret Taylar, wif of Thomas Taylar, taylar, sayeth she cometh not to the churche, bycause there is not a preist as there ought to be; and also that there is not the sacrament of the aultar.

The same Thomas Taylar sayeth, his substance is very small and lyveth on his creditt, and so we thynk; he is verye poore man and little worth of his owne goods.

Elizabeth Portar, widowe, sayeth she cometh not to the churche, by cause the service there is not as it ought to be, nor as it hath bene heretofore; and she sayeth she is a poore woman and and of no substans but we thynke hir worth in clere goods xl^{s}.

(*fo.* 97). Isabell Addenall, widowe, sayeth she cometh not to the churche, by cause hir conscience will not serve hir; and that she hath litle or nothyng to lyve apon, and soo we thynke.

Saynt Dionys paroche.

Agnes Wiggan, widowe, sayeth she cometh not to the churche, bycause there is neither preist nor sacrament; she is niothyng worth, as we thynke.

Richard Brafferton, baker, who was latly presented for not commyng to the churche is gone forth of this Citie, to what place we knowe not.

Saynt Maries in Castlegate.

Isabell Portar, wif of Peter Portar, tayler, sayeth that she cometh not to the churche, bycause hir conscyens will not serve hir; For thyngs are not in the churche as it hath bene aforetime in hir forefathers dayes; the same Peter Portar sayeth he hath land of the yerely valewe of xx^{s}, and he is worth in clere goods lxvj^{s} viij^{d}, as we thynke.

Gregorye Wilkynson, feltmaker, sayeth he commeth not to the churche bycause his conscyens will not serve hym so to doe, for he will remayne in the feyth that he was baptised in; and as for his welth he sayeth he is not worth ij^{d} if every man had his owne; and we thynke his saying therin to be true.

[His wife Agnes gives the same reasons for not coming to church].

Suzan Allanson, synglewoman, servant to the said Gregorye Wilkynson, sayeth she hathe not come to the churche nor receyved at Easter last for she was syke, but she must goo this day, beyng the xixth of November to the service of one Mr. Seynt Quyntyne, dwelling in the contrye, who maried Mistres Hussey, but she saveth she is willing to goo to the churche

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Saynt Margarets paroche.

Thomas Pereson, weaver, sayeth he cometh not to the churche for his conscyens will not serve hym; bycause there lacketh the sacrament, the preist and the aultar; and sayeth he is worth in clere goods xx^{s}, and so we thynk; whiche Thomas is nowe in warde.

(*fo.* 97b). Monkwarde.

Christs paroche.

Dorathye Vavasor, wif of Thomas Vavasor, doctor of phisyke, sayeth she cometh not to the churche bycause hir conscyens will not serve hir so to doe, for she sayeth she will remayne in the feyth that she was baptised in; and as for the substans of the same Thomas we thynk it litle or nothyng worth and he hath no lands to our knowledge.

Francys Hall, wif of George Hall, draper, sayeth he cometh not to the churche bicause she is persuaded otherwise to doe, and beleveth in the feyth that she was baptised in.

The same George sayeth he hath lands to the yerely valewe of xx^{s} and in clere goods to our estymacon lxvj^{s} viij^{d}.

William Hutton, draper, sayeth he cometh not to the churche bycause he hath bene excommunicated and is not yett absolved, but when he is absolved he will come; and sayeth he hath small substans but useth byeng of barley, and maketh it into malt and boroweth money for the same, yett we thynk he is in clere goods xl^{s}, and lands he hath not as we suppose.

Mary Hutton, wif to the said William Hutton, sayeth she cometh not to the churche, bycause hir consciens will not serve hir so to doe.

Janett Geldart[1], wif of Parcyvall Geldart, bocher, sayeth she cometh not to the churche bicause hir conscyens will not serve hir soe to doe, and sayeth there can be noo greater cause for the same then hir conscyens.

The same Parcyvall sayeth he oweth as moche as he hath, yett he is in clere goods xl^{s} as we thynke.

Janett Geldart, wif of Lancelott Geldart, bocher, sayeth she cometh not to the churche for hir conscyens will not serve hir soo to doo; and the same Lancelott hath small substans or none to our knoweledge.

Emme Halliday, wif of Richard Hallyday, girdler, cometh not to the churche, for what cause we canott learne, bycause she is a rovar abrode in the countrye, and cannott be had; and as for the substans of the same Richard we thynke hym litle or nothyng.

(*fo.* 98). Agnes Weddell[2], wif of John Weddell, yonger, bocher, sayeth she cometh not to the churche for hir consciens will not serve hir bycause there is neither aulter, preist nor sacrifice.

1 *in prisona* in the margin.
2 ditto.

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The same John sayeth that he is worth in clere goods iij^{li} and so we thynke.

Alice Cowlyng. wif of John Cowlyng, penyman, sayeth she cometh not to the churche bycause hir conscyens will not serve hir.

The same John Cowlyng sayeth he is a poore man and hath no substans and so wee thynk.

Jane West[1], syngle woman, servant to George Hall, draper, sayeth she cometh not to the churche, for she thynketh it is not the right churche, and that if she shoulde come there it wolde dampne hir soule.

Anne Boyes, syngle woman, servant to the said George Hall, sayeth she cometh not to the church, for hir conscyens will not serve hir bycause there is neither aulter, sacrifice nor trewe preist.

Anne Kitchenman, wif of Christopher Kitchenman, carpenter, cometh not to the churche, for what cause we canott learne, for she is nowe great with childe and could not come before us; and as for his substans we thynk hym worth in clere goods xx^{s}.

Margaret Clitherowe[2], wif of John Clitherowe, bocher, cometh not to the churche, for what cause we cannott learne, for she is nowe great with childe and coulde not come before us; the same John sayeth he is worth in clere goods vj^{li} and so we thynk.

Janett Bachelar, wif of William Bachelar, bocher, cometh not to the churche for what reason we knowe nott, butt she is nowe seke and came not before us; and as for his substans we thinke hym worth in clere goods vj^{li}.

Agnes Chambers[3], wif of John Chambers, inholder, cometh not to the churche, for what reason we knowe not, bicause she coulde not be had, for she and hir husband are aboute wards to go to Newcastle; and as for his substans we thinke hym worth litle or nothing.

Janett Smythes[4], wif of George Smythes, bocher who hath bene heretofore presoner for not comming to the church, sayeth that she nowe comyth to the churche; and so she is willing to doe still.

(*fo.* 98b). Alice Rocke, wif of Thomas Rocke, bocher, hath bene hertofore presented for not comyng to the churche, sayeth that she nowe cometh to the churche, so she is willyng to doo still.

St. Maurice paroche.

John Wood, taylar, cometh not to the churche, for what cause we knowe not, for he canott be hadd, and as for his substans he is worth litle or nothyng.

1 *Recessit* in the margin.
2 In the margin, "in prison".
3 *Recessit* in margin.
4 *Mortua* in margin.

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St. Sampson paroche.

Elizabeth Langton, wif of Thomas Langton, currier, sayeth she cometh not to the churche, for hir harte and consciens will not serve hir so to doe. The same Thomas sayeth he hath small substans yett we thynke hym worth in clere goods xx^{s}.

Elizabeth Awdecorne, wif of John Awdecorne, tylar, cometh not to the church, bycause she sayeth she is certified in her consciens otherwise; and that she shoulde displease God if she should doe otherwise. The same John sayeth he is worth in clere goods iij^{li} and so we thynke.

Alice Awdecorne, wif of Thomas Awdecorne, tylar, sayeth she cometh not to the church bycause she is otherwise persuaded in hir conscyens. The same Thomas is in the Castle for the like offens, and as for his substans we think it litle or nothyng.

Alice Masherother, wif of John Masherother, brasier, sayeth she cometh not to the churche for hir consciens will not serve hir, and yett obstynatly refuseth so to doo. The same John sayeth he is a poore man and nothing worth, and so we thinke.

Anne Godfrey, single woman, servant to Thomas Awdecorne, tylar, sayeth she cometh nott to the churche, for she is persuaded in hir conscyens not to come there.

St. Cuthberts Paroche.

Hellene Willyamson, wif of John Willyamson, taylar, sayeth she cometh not to the churche bicause hir hart and conscyens will not serve hir, and as for the substans of the same John it is very litle or nothyng worth as we thynke.

(*fo.* 99). Thomas Wood, laborer, sayeth he cometh not to the churche for his conscyens will not serve hym so to doe; and as for his substans it is very litle or nothyng, as we thynk.

Agnes Wood, wif of the said Thomas, sayeth she cometh not to the churche for hir conscyens will not serve hir.

Miklythwarde.

Trinities in Miklegate.

John Edwyn, yoman, sayeth he cometh not to his paroche churche, bycause his conscyens will not serve hym to come there where James Frost curate there is; butt he sayeth he hathe bene before Mr. Deane; and he hath appoynted hym and his wif to receyve at the paroche churche of Saynt Michell of the Belfray, and they are contented so to doe, or in any other churche where the said Frost is not; and as for his substans he is worth in clere goods xx^{s}, as we thynke.

Margaret Edwyn, wif of the said John Edwyn, cometh not to hir paroche churche for what cause we knowe not, for she is syke and came not before us.

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Janett Stryckett, widowe, sayeth she cometh not to the churche bicause hir conscyens will not serve hir; for the bread and wyne is not consecrate, as it hath bene in tyme paste; and as for hir substans she sayeth she hath lands for terme of her lif of the yerely valewe of xl^{s}; and soo we thynke; and as for hir goods she sayeth she hath gyven theym to hir children by dede of gyfte.

Bisshophill newar.

Anne Tesshe[1], wif of Edward Teshe, gentleman, sayeth she cometh not to the churche, bicause hir conscyens will not serve hir, for there is neither preiste, awtar nor sacrament.

The said Edward Teshe[2], who hath bene heretofore presented to your honor for not comyng to the churche is nowe at London and so we cannot learne the cause of his absens frome the church; and as for his substans, we thynke hym worth in clere goods v^{li}.

(*fo.* 99b). Brigitte Beseley, wif of Edward Beseley, gent, cometh not to the churche for what cawse we knowe not, for she canot be hadd. And as for the same Edward he is presently in warde for the lyke offens; and he hath lands of the yerely valewe of vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}; and he is worth in goods litle or nothyng, as we thynk.

All Hallows in North Strete.

Alice Lobley, wif of Richard Lobley, tannar, sayeth hir conscyens will not serve hir; for she sayeth she thinketh the baptisme is not as it hath bene; and sayeth she will not receyve so longe as she lyveth. The same Richard sayeth he oweth as moche as he hath, and lyveth apon his creditt, and so we thynk.

Saynt Johns paroche at Ousebrig end.

Anne Hewitt, synglewoman, doughter and servant to Thomas Hewitt, wax chandler, sayeth there is no preisence there nor right sacrament.

Anne Brymeley[3], seamystar, examined if she had a maister and weare forth of prisone, whither she wolde come to the churche or not, sayeth hir conscyence wolde not serve hir to come there, for if she should, than she should dampne hir owne soule.

Margarett Hewett[4], seamyster, dowghter to the above named Thomas Hewett, whiche Margarett was latly presented for not comyng to the churche, is gone forth of this Citie, to what place we knowe not.

1 In margin: "in castro", i.e., in the Castle.
2 Also in margin, "in castro".
3 *Recessit* in margin.
4 ditto.

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Bothome warde.

St. Michells of the Belfrey.

Margarett Tesymonde, wif of William Tesymond, sadler, sayeth she cometh not to the churche, for if she shoulde she thynketh she shoulde offende God and therfore hir conscyens will not suffre hir to come there.

The same William is in the Castle for the like offens, and he hath lands of the yerely valewe of xxvj^{s} viij^{d}; and he is worth in goods litle or nothyng.

(*fo.* 100). Alice Durham, wif of Richard Durham, barber, sayeth she cometh not to the churche for hir consciens will not serve hir so to do, and hir hart alsoo goeth ageynst it, bycawse there lacketh the aultar and the trewe preist, and further she sayeth that she thynkethe that thois that be nowe maried are not right maried. The same Richard sayeth he hath no lands nor goods, and so we thynk.

St. Martyns in Connystrete.

Anne Lawnder[1], wif of John Lawnder, gent, sayeth she cometh not to the churche for hir conscyens will not serve hir, and sayeth she doethe not like of any thyng that there is redde. And as for the substans of the same John, we thynke hym worth in clere goods vj^{li}; and as for lands he hath no more but onely the howse that he dwelleth in, so farre as we knowe.

Anne Cooke, wif of Ambrose Cooke, sayeth she cometh not to the churche for hir conscyens will not serve hir so to doo.

St. Wilfrids paroche.

Helene Boothe[2], widowe, sayeth if she shoulde come to the churche she shoulde rather offende God than other wise.

Janett Fothergill, widowe, who hath bene heretofor presented for not comyng to the churche is forthe of the Citie and cannot be had; and so we coulde not learne the cawse of hir absens frome the churche.

St. Olaivs paroche.

Katheryne Gillott, wif of George Gillott, inholdar, sayeth she is excommunycat and cannot be absolved without money, whiche she sayeth she laketh; and she beyng examined if she wolde come to the churche if she were absolved she sayeth—seyng she was putt forth of the churche she wolde not come there.

(*fo.* 100b). Grace Wood, wif of William Wood, yeoman, cometh not to the church and is excomunicat, and she wolde not appere before us, but answered thofficer when she went to warne and commande hir and hir husband that hir husband was as well

1 *Recessit* in margin.
2 *Mortua* in margin.

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occupied and did serve the Quene as well as any in Yorke; and as for hir self she sayed she had other busynes to doo than to come before me the said Mayor.

The Aynstie.

Marston.

Margarett Thwaites, wif of John Thwaites, esquyer, sayeth she cometh not to the church for hir conscyens will not serve hir soo to do, bicause there is nothing in the churche that she lyketh not. The said John Thwaytes sayeth that he hath lands of the yerely valewe of x^li^ and alsoo his goods he sayeth he oweth more than he is worth, and so we thynke.

Acome.

Richard Gibson, who hath bene heretofore presented for not comyng to the churche is nowe in Yorke Castle for suspect of felonye.

In witnes wherof to this our present Certificat we have subscribed, with our owne hands, the xxiiij^th^ day of Novembre.

Raif Hall, Mayor.	Thomas Harryson.
William Bekwith.	John Dyneley.
Richard Calome.	Hughe Graves.
Christopher Harbert.	Robert Criplyng.
Robert Maskewe.	

fo. 102b. **Order against engrossers.**

14 December 19 Elizabeth (1576) *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

By the Quene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well; where we are gyven to undrestand of the great, nedeles dearth of grayn and victuall in devise and practise of some uncharitable persones that seke to engrosse the same to make a dearth, and to sell the same at such tyme and prices as shall please theym; and by the excessyve nombre of badgers and ale howses rather than by licenses granted by us, as is untrewly reported, for there is none granted of late, and suche as be before granted be stayed, withowte they shall procure aspecyall lettres frome us or our present Counsell. Wherefore our pleasour nowe is that none having sufficient quantitie of grayn be permitted to buye anie for seede or otherwise, withowte bringing as moche to the market to sell, nor anie be suffred to engrosse anie corne or victuall, but that they and every other that have grayn to sell to serve the marketts ther with in suche reasonable sort as shalbe apoynted, nor have to be laden in anie vessell or shipp to be transported by sea uneles yt be from port to port within the realme, to serve suche contres as lack within the realme and that transporters to be bonded in good bonde to our use to delyver the same and to

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bring againe certificate as heretofore hath bene used. Wherefor our further pleasour is that yowe ymedyatlie take strayt order within your rule according to the premisses and that also ye restreyne all unlawfull badgers and all superfluous ale howses.

And by hir Counsell.

fo. 104b. **Unseemly words at Council Meeting.**

24 December 19 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Mr. Harbert, Alderman, and Mr. William Robynson, for certayne opprobriouse and unsemely woordes gyven by thone to thother, aswell at the last assemble of this hows as ells where syns, that therfore either of theym shalbe bound to thother in c^{li} a pece for good abearyng.

fo. 105. **Clock-keeper and bellringer for Ouse Bridge.**

4 January 19 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 3 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 11 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that William Grenup shall have the kepyng of the clock apon Ousebrig, apon his good behavior, and also that the same William shall ryng or cause to be rong one bell there dayly frome hensforth, that is to saye, at fyve of the cloke in wynter and foure of the clocke in summer by the space of a quarter of an hower; and that he shall fynde ropes to the said bell and all other thyngs necessarie for the same—to have therfore yerely xx^{s}.

fo. 105b. **High Constables to be appointed in every Wapentake. Their duties.**

9 January 19 Elizabeth (1576). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, *locum tenens*, 3 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

By the Quene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well; wheras of late our right trustie and right welbeloved cosen, therle of Huntyngdon, our President in the North, and some other of our Counsell ther, have had conference with the Justics of Assises and other the Justics of our Peace in our Countie of York; in which conference and consultacon, as we understand, it was resolved and concluded that highe constables were necessarie officers to be named in everye wapentak for the better execucon of sundrie good and profitable lawes; and for that hertofore ther hath not bene anie like officer in our said Countie of York, and to thend that the said high constables may preserve the better knowledge in what poynts they are to meddle and deale by reason of ther same offices for ther better instruccon therein, we have herewith sent unto yowe sundrie articles which we thinke verie mete to be put in execucon by them, which our pleasour

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is yowe shall in your Sessyons give in charge to the said highe constables, and to delyver to every of them a copy of the same articles.

At York v^th^ January.

And by hir Counsell.

(*fo.* 106). Ordynancs to be observed by the cheif constable or constables in every wapentack within the Countie of York, as followeth.

Inprimis the Justics of peace to appoynt within every wapentak twoe godlie and discrete men that favour religyon, and that can writ, to be cheif constables within the same wapentake, untill suche tyme as they shalbe discharged by the Justics in open Sessyons, and then in the same open Sessyons the Justics to apoynt newe constables and to sweare them to exercise there office truely.

Item the said constables to exercise the office of the cheif constable joyntlie and severallie, and to keepe ther petie Sessions everie quarter once at the least, within the wapentack, and the Quenes armes to be set aboute ther hands, with the rats of the wagies of the servants.

1. First to enquere if anie Mr., Mrs. or dame have put away ther servants before thend of ther terme without one quarters warninge oneles it be upon some reasonable cause that hath bene allowed by one Justice or more.
2. Item that no Mr. shall put away his servant at the end of his terme without one quarters warning upon payne of xl^s^ ij^d^, nor no servant shall depart frome his Mr. at thend of his terme without one quarters warning; upon payne of ymprisonment till he be bounde to serve.
3. Item that everye person betwene the aige of xij yeares and thaige of lx yeares shalbe compelled to serve in husbandry by the yeare.
4. Fishermen, marynars prentics, diggers of mettall, leads or coles, schollers, freholders of the clere yearlie value of xl^s^, or being worth in goodes x^li^ or heir appariant to x^li^ in the yeare or above, or having a father worth x^li^, or having goods to the value of x^li^.
5. And that no servant shall depart out of one toune into an other or wapentake into an other, uneles he have a testymoniall registred by the cheif constable.
6. Item no servant that cometh out of the towne or parishe, wher he last dwelte, shalbe receyved into service before he shewe his testymonyall; upon payne of ymprisonment of one and twenty dayes and if he cannot then to be used as a vacabond.

   Item that every person that reteynith suche in service without a testymonyall shall forfeyt v^li^.

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(*fo.* 106b).

7. Item everie laborer betwene the middes of Marche and the middes of September shalbe at his worke at fyve of the clock in the morninge and so contynewe till it be past seven at night, and betwene the middes of September and the middes of Marche from the springe of the day untill night.
8. Item if anie man take anie worke in great he shall contynue in the same and not departe uneles it be for none payment of his waiges upon payne of v^{li}.
9. Item that no Mr. directlie or indirectlie shall give anie greater waiges then shalbe assessed, upon payne of ymprisonment for the space of ten dayes and upon payne of forfeyting v^{li}.
10. Item that no servaunt shall take anie more waiges then as assessed; upon payne of ymprisonment for the space of xxj dayes and everye reteyner contrary to the forme of the statute is voide.
11. Item if anie servaunt make an assalte or affray of his Mr. [he] shall have ymprisonment for the same of one year and further punnishment if the offens shall so require.
12. Item every artificer is compelable to work in harvest, and if he refuse, the constable of the towne shall set him in the stocks, and if the constable be necligent in punnishinge he shall forfet xl^{s}.
13. Item the cheif constable may compel anie woman that is unmaried betwixt thage of xij years and xl yeares, being out of service, to be reteyned by yeare, weeke, or daye.
14. Item every husbandman that hath half a plewe land may tak prentics in husbandry.
15. Item that no servaunt shall depart furth of the wapentack wher he last dwelt, if any man in the same will give him wagies according as is taxed.
16. Item the chief constable to enroll the names of every Mr. and servant, and the waigies of the servants within his wapentak, and also the begyning and thend of terme of the servaunts.
17. Item the chief constable to take of every Mr. that reteyneth a servaunt j^{d} for his owne use, and of every servaunt that departeth out of the wapentak for his testymoniall ij^{d}.
18. Item the chief constables to attend of the Justics at the quarter Sessyons and to enforme them of all offencs made aganst the statute in *anno quinto* Elizabeth towching laborers and husbandrye.
19. Item all servants in husbandry to be reteyned before the chief constables or one of them or ells notice to be yeven to the chief constable in open Sessyons next ensewing the said reteyner, etc.
20. Item everye Justice of Peace to send this direccon and order to an other untill all have yt. And thus God save Quene Elizabethe.

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fo. 107.

Fish days to be kept.

To my loving frendes the Mayor, Aldermen and Counsell of the Cittie of York.

After my verie hartie commendacons; thes are to let yowe understand that the 2 of this Januarye, I did receyve lettres from the Ls of the Privie Counsell dated at Hampton Courte the xxviijth of December last, and with the same the copie of a lettre which her Majesties pleasour is to have directed to all the Sherifs and Justics of Peace in eche shier of this realme, wich said lettres the Ls have desyred me to communycate to all the Sherifs and Justics of Peace under my Commissyon; so I have thought good to send yowe one trewe copie of that lettre, and straitlie to charge yowe as ther Ls have especiallie requiered me to have due regard that the lawes and statuts provided for the observacon of fishe dayes may be kept and obeyed in suche straite sorte as by the same lettres yowe may more playnelie perceyve it is her Majesties pleasour, and because neyther the symple nor subtle shall have anie cause to think or say that this whiche is done onely of good pollycie shold tend to the mayneteynninge or reviving of anie popish supersticon, my Ls have verye providentlie directed lettres to the Deane and Chapiter of this Churche to whome belongeth the chief charge for spirituall instruccon within your province, willinge them to take suche orders as they can, with the preachers and curats, both for furtherans of that obedyens that in this case is required, and also for instructing of the people of the true cause thereof whiche hath in yt no smack at all of popery, but is grounded onelie upon policie to procure a plentie wher dearth is growne without any cause appairante as sholde seme, but onelie the want of obedyence to thes lawes. Thus trustinge that you will have due regard to the premisses for discharge of your owne dueties I commyt yowe to the heavenly Father.

York the 2 of January.

Your loving frende

H. Huntyngdone.

After oure hartie commendacons; Her Majestie, having of late bene enformed that victualls within this realme is grown to most excessyve and extreme prics, a matter verie straunge consideringe the long quiet and peace this realme enjoyeth throughe Godes goodnes and her Majesties good providence, and fynding that the same hath proceded of no one cawse so moche as of the not observinge of suche dayes of abstynens as in good pollicie by the due and wholsome lawes of the realme, provided in that behalf, is prescrybed; and herewith also considering the great decay of the maryners and fishermen growne by the necligens and contempte of observing the use of fish dayes, a matter verie prejudicall to the strength of the navie of this realme. Her Highnes therfore seynge that ther hath not bene that due (*fo.* 107b) execucon of the said lawes as in duetie apperteyneth, not withstandinge that ther hath

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bene as well by proclamaton as by our lettres directed by her Majesties order unto yowe and the Justics of the rest of the shiers of this realme, streat charge given to se the due execucon of the same for the publique benifit of the realme, hath therfore commaunded us to let yowe understand that as she hath of lat taken most streat order bothe in hir owne howse both with us of hir Counsell and all other persons of annie estate in the same, as also in the Cittye of London, that they shall not onelie forbeare the eating of flesh on fish dayes but also observe the ordynary fastinge dayes as by the Statuts, customes and lawes of this realme provided in that behalf is prescrybed. So her Majesties pleasour is that the example therof begyning from this her Majesties owne howse and from the principall estaits ther shold provoake yowe to doe that therein for the due observacon of the same that yowe are bound both by duetie and oathe, the execucon of the lawes being committed to your charge as it is, besids the respecte of the particler proffitt to every of yowe having howseholds. And herein we knowe no way so apte to have the same duelie observed as for yourselfs to whome the chief care of the observacon therof apperteyneth, to give, by strait and seryous reforminge of your owne howses, good example to others in that behalf, wherin if the inferyour sort shall not follow apon so good an example that redresse that is looked for, her Majestie cannot but ympute the fault unto yowe, who ether doe offende in example or in not extending such punnishment upon the offendars as to ther contempt apperteyneth. We hope therfore that whatsoever remissenes hath bene used therin, whiche we thinke hath especiallie happened for lack of good example, yowe will nowe upon knowledge of this her Majesties pleasour in this behalf so earnestlie intended by her and followed by us bend yourselfs to se due reformacon therin to follow, consideringe the benefit therof as to redownd also to yourselfs, and for the better performance therof you shall doe well ymediatly upon the receipte of thes our lettres to assemble yourselfs together now at the next Quarter Sessyons, if the same shall not be ended before the receipt of thes our lettres, to consult of the meanes and wayes how the same may be best executed; wherin we are to put yowe in mynd of twoe thyngs; thone to take verie good bonds of all kinds of victuallers for the due observacon therof with some order to apoynt trustie persons monthlie to se to thexecucon therof, tother to take the like bonds of the butchers within that shier that (*fo.* 108) they shall neyther kill nor sell annie flesh in the Lent tyme for annie respecte; and for that some may make some other construccon of the care her Majestie hath to have the said lawes concerning abstynence thus duely observed than in verie deid is ment and may conceyve that the same may tend to the norishing of supersticon; we thynke it mete to let yowe understand that for the metinge suche construccons, we have wrytten our lettres to our verie good Lord, the Archbishop of Canterbury,

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requiering him to signifie to the Bisshoppes within that province, and to the Bisshopes also within the province of York, that we think it mete that they geve order to the prechers and curats of churches within ther severall dioceses to let the people understand the true cawse whie the observacon of the said lawes is thought expedyent to be put in execucon at this presente. And so, not doubting but as her Majestie doth looke that yowe will deale carefullye in this behalf so yowe will doe your dueties accordinglie. We bidd yowe hartelie farewell. From Hampton Court the xxviijth day of December 1576

Vera copia
H. Huntyngdon.

fo. 109. **Order about Absence from Church.**

15 January 19 Elizabeth (1576-7). *Present*—Ralph Hall, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 2 of the Sheriffs, 14 of the xxiv.

A certayne order concerninge persons that doe absent them selfs from the churches was nowe openlye redd before theis presents, everye of them did approve the same. The tenor wherof enseweth.

Wher some of the citizens of this Cittie to the great daunger of the ymparinge the credit, name and estymacon therof, the quiet estate and good government of the same and to the excedinge greif of the magestrats and others, ther fellow citizens, throughe a certayne singularitie of some, the symplicities of dyverse, and the wilfull ignorancs of others, being therunto dangerously seduced and drawne by the synister persuasyons or secrete practises of some which desyer by all lykeliehood and apparante conjectures nothinge so moche as to disquiet the happie and blessed quietnes, whiche, through Gods goodnes, we have long tyme enjoyed, have of late obstynately and wilfully refused and yet doe refuse to come to and accompany ther other christian neighbors to ther parisshe churches upon the sabaoth dayes, and other holie dayes, in the tyme of devyne service and prayer ther, contrary to ther due obedyence towards God, the Quenes majestie, and the lawes of thys realme, and the commendable customes of all godlie Christians. For reformacon wherof be yt therfore by thes presents enacted that whatsoeer citizen of this Cyttie shall after monyccon or request to them hereafter to be made or geven eyther publiqulie in the Common Hall of this Cittie by the L. Mayor of the same, or by others by his appoyntement or direccon, or ells by the parson, vicar, curate or the churchwardens of ther severall parishes in ther parishe churches, or other convenient place, shall obstynately and wilfullie without anie lawfull let, refuse or forbeare to come to their severall parishe churches upon the sabaoth dayes and other holie dayes, at or in the tyme of Common Prayer and devyne service, ther and then quietlie, reverentlye and decentlie to remayne during the whole tyme of the said Common Prayer, without some reasonable cause

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to the contrary, which cawse is to be allowed from tyme to tyme by the L. Mayor and the Recorder and fower of the Aldermen, shall forfet to thuse of the poore in this Cyttie for every of the said sabaoth dayes and holie dayes which they shall so wilfullie and obstynatlie refuse to come to (*fo.* 109b) their parishe churche, the summe of xij^{d}.

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fo. 2. **Election of New Mayor.**

St. Blaise day, 3 February 19 Elizabeth (1576-7). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 17 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall, whan and where after proclamacon made, the serchars rolle was redde, and Mr. Rauf Hall, late Mayor, did take his leave of the Counsel there assembled. Than the newe Mayour sat downe and tooke his oathe of mayouraltie acusstomed, and also the oathe appoynted for every temporall judge, justice, mayour, etc., to receyve, by Acte of Parliament made in the first yere of the Queenes majesties reigne. And after that the Aldremen, Shereffs and xxiiij, and also the esquyers at sword and mace, and the sexe officers at mace, tooke their severall oathes accustomed. And than the Commons tooke their oath.

Also the same day and place weare appoynted auditours to sitt apon thaccompts of Mr. Edmunde Richardson and the said Mr. Rauf Hall, late Mayours, the Chamberlaynes and Brigmaisters, etc., than beyng.[1]

fo. 2b. **Common Labourers.**

6 February 19 Elizabeth (1576-7). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 2 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall whan and where the common laborers of this Citie personally appeared and weare viewed; and suche of theym as are allowed and appoynted to work as common laborers within this Citie and their names herafter doo ensew.[2]

fo. 3b. **Common Labourers who are to leave York.**

Belfrayes without Bothome barr. Richard Pereson and John Skepsey to go to Clyfton agayne. Richarde Gibson to goo to Acome. John Swallowe, his wif and ij children to go to Tolthrop. Nicolas Nevison to goo to Sheryf huton. *Saynt Saviour paroche.* Thomas Vause to avoide to Murton before St. Helens day next.

[1] The auditors chosen consisted of 4 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv, and 8 of the Common Council.

[2] The names of 65 common labourers are given, the greatest number from any parish was twelve from Holy Trinity, Micklegate.

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Saynt Dionis paroche. William Jackson, his wif and children to goo to Hull imediatly frome whiche they came. *St. Margarets paroche.* Raulf Symson and his wif beyng in the hows with Gledestone to avoide forthwith to Richemond frome whens he came.

St. Lawrens paroche. Thomas Mynikin, who ought before this tyme to have avoyded this Citie, hath promysed my Lord Mayour and his Bretherne with all convenient spede to bryng Mr. Kidson to take ordre for hym. (*fo.* 4.) *Saynt Maryes in Castlegate.* Thomas Gawen came from Norwiche abowte half a yere agoo.

fo. 4b. **Night Work. Poor in St. Anthony's Hospital.**

13 February 19 Elizabeth (1576-7). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Richard Warde and Thomas Nicolson, for makyng of lyne on the night and of lessar weight than it ought to be, to the great decepte of the Queenes subjects and slander of this Citie, shalbe therefore forthwith comytted to warde.

Aggreed that Richard Fairfax, Thomas Plomer, George Sunter, James Palezar and John Darell beyng like offendars shalbe commaunded to appere at the next assemblee of this hows.

(*fo.* 5). And where as John Nelstrop alias Mawde, Burrand wif, Lancelot Hoadley and his wif, and Awderson wif with hir twoo children, certayne of the poore of this Citie, latly setled in St. Anthonye hospitall, have here to fore had wekely for their releif, every of theym, the severall sommes folowyng viz. Nelstrop viij^{d}, Barrand wif viij^{d}, Hoadley and his wif xij^{d}, Awderson wif and ij children viij^{d}; it is nowe aggreed that they shall have hensforth for releif Nelstrop iiij^{d}, Barrand wif iiij^{d}, Hoadley and his wif vj^{d}, Awderson wif vj^{d}, provided allwayes that the same Awderson wif shall have the same releif, but onely for one yere next comyng, and she to putt hir said twoo children from hir to service.

It is further aggreed that the persons aforesaid shall not at any tyme herafter goo beggyng in the Mynstar or ells where, apon payne that every of theym so offendyng shall clerely lose their said releif and be whipped abowte this Citie. And Lancelot Hoadley is allowed to work at the Stathe, and Nelstrop to amende shoes or suche like labour towards their lyvings.

And where as Margaret Danfold and hir twoo children were settled in the said hospitall and had wekely for their releif viij^{d} hir husband beyng then gone frome hir; and is nowe come ageyne; it is aggreed that she shalbe clerely dischardged of hir said releif, and also that she shall avoide frome the said hospitall with hir children befor Pentecost next.

Aggreed that Raulf Natkyn having iiij children shall kepe his hows, and he to be payed at the said hospitall wekely iiij^{d} for their releif.

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fo. 6. **The Nightworkers. Poor sent from the City.**

15 February 19 Elizabeth (1576-7). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 3 Alderman, 1 Sherif, 8 of the xxiv.

Richard Fairfax, Thomas Plomer, James Palezar and John Darell, who have made lyne on the night, personally appered, and also Richard Ward and Thomas Nicolson imprisoned for the like offens were called forth of prison. And nowe all the persons aforesaid did take a corporall oath that they shall not at any tyme frome hensforth make any lyne in any place except onely in the merchant mans hows, so allwaies it be not made on the night; and that all suche lyne as they or any of theym shall so be freemens lyne and not strangers, and every suche stone of lyne to weigh xv^{li} at the least.

Humfraye Ellys of Chrysts paroche for refusyng to pay to the pore beyng dewly assessed shalbe forthwith comytted to warde accordyng to the Statute.

(*fo.* 6b). Richard Sherburne and his wif, who came latly forth of Lancaster shire (and presently remaynyng with uxor Sherburne in Castlegate) shall avoyde thither ageyne.

Cuthbert Lynton, tayler, his wif and childe remaynyng in the hows with John Robynson of paroche of Busshophill newar shall avoyde to Bernay Castle within the Bisshoprik of Durham where he last dwellt.[1]

fo. 9. **Walls of St. Leonard's Hospital.**
Non-payment of assessment.

22 February 19 Elizabeth (1576-7). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 13 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the walles at St. Leonard yats shalbe viewed this next weeke by my L. Mayor, Mr. Maskewe, Mr. Birkebye and Mr. Jackson, or iij of them, late vewers apoynted for that purpose; and the defalts thereof to be repaired in the begining of Marche next.

(*fo.* 9b). Agreed that my L. Mayor, Mr. Recorder, and Aldermen or some of them, at ther next repare to my L. President shall speake with him as touching the non payment of thassessment in Pike paroche at the setting forth of soldyars in Mr. Harrison maioraltie according to the Commission; and the Commission to be sought upp that Mr. Recordar may se the same to drawe a bill to my said L. President; and also my L. President to be moved as touchinge those that refuse to pay thir assessments to the poore.

Aggreed that my L. Mayor and Mr. Cripling shall send for Ambrose Gray, carpenter, to vewe St. George howse on Monday nexte for making of a mylne there to set certayne the idle poore on work.

[1] About this time there are many cases of poor relief and of orders to strangers to leave the City.

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fo. 11b. **A house being illegally pulled down.**

1 March 19 Elizabeth (1576-7). *Present*—William Beckwith, *locum tenens*, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

Forsomoche as there is a howse without Bothome Barr begonne to be pulled downe by one Michell Harryson to the defaisyng of the suburbs of this Citie, and contrary to the lawes and ordynances of this Citie, and now one Isabell Harryson, wif to the said Michell, personally appearyng before theis presens for that, that hir said husband is nowe absent and gone from hir, doeth humbly requyre this worshipfull assemble to be good to hir and hir said husband. Wherapon it is aggreed, with the consent of the said Isabell that she this present first day of Marche bryng in twoo good suerties to be bounde in suche sommes of money, as to his Lordship discrecon shall seem mete and reasonable, for the buyldyng up of the said hows before Pentecost.

fo. 12. **Payments to the poor. Repair of road in Layerthorpe.**

8 March 19 Elizabeth (1576-7). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreed that all suche money for the relief of the poore setled in the hospitals of this Cittie shalbe from hensforth paid by the Chamberleyns from tyme to tyme untill money come in; and that a warden and one of the xxiiij of every ward shall goe weekelie and see the money paied; and that good order be kept in every hospitall by the poore there.

(*fo.* 13). Agreed that Robert Blacke, surgyon, shalbe gotten to cure one ——— Walles, a poore man, and having the frensh pocke, and the charge thereof to be borne of the Chamber

And now upon the report of Mr. Cripling, Alderman, of the sufficient repairing of the little cawsey without Laythrop posteron up towards the great cawsey on Hewerth moor by ij tilers and ther servants in a xj dayes work at xij^{d} a daye, amounting in the whole to xxij^{s}, which tilers were set on work by the said Mr. Cripling by the consente of my L. Mayor and his Brethern, it is now agreed that the said xxij^{s} shall be paied forthwith; and wheras ther was certayne wood and piles bestowed upon the said cawsie by Mr. Cripling to the value of v^{s}, and certayne loades of sand and other earthe by him procured to be ledd for the said cawsey, he offered to beare the same of his owne chargs.

fo. 14. **An Alderman relieved of his Office.**

13 March 19 Elizabeth (1576-7). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Apon the earnest request and desyre of Mr. Gregory Pacock, Alderman, to be discharged of his said office, for that that he is not

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of habilitie, nayther of bodye, nor yet of goods nor lyvyng to mayntayne the parte and rowme of an Alderman, and also is not mete nor hable to come to assist the L. Mayor. Therefore it is aggreed that he shalbe frome hensforth clerely discharged of his office of Aldermanship.[1]

fo. 15. **Dilapidated houses. New M.P. to be elected.**

27 March 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that proclamacion shalbe made for decayed howses within this Cytie according to the Statute.

Agreed that a newe wrytt shalbe served fourthe for eleccon of a newe Burgesse in rowme of Mr. Gregorie Pacock.

And nowe the inhabitants of the late paroche of St. John del pyke weare assessed what money they and every of theym shall pay wekely towards releif of the pore of this Citie.

fo. 16. **Presentations. Two mills for St. Anthony's.**

29 March 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 10 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that a tonne of wyne shalbe gyven to my Lord President, half a tonne to Sir Thomas Gargrave knight, and a hoggis head of wyne to Mr. Recordar.

Aggreed that twoo mylnes shalbe made at Saynt Anthonye hospitall for settyng of rogisshe and idle persones on work, hable to labour. And nowe Edward Portar of Beverley, carpentar, personally appered, who semeth to be skilfull in makyng of the said mylnes. Aggreed that he shall make the mylnes sufficyently and workmanly with all thyngs nedefull of his charges, if he wilbe reasonable; and that my Lord Mayour shall compound with the said Portar for makyng and furnysshyng of the said mylnes accordyng to his discreccon.

fo. 16b. **Archery to be encouraged.**
Unlawful games prohibited.

3 April 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

By the Quene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well; wheras ther be dyverse good lawes for the defence of our realme and subjects provided for maynteynaunce of artillerye and shooting in long bowes, and like lawes made for the prohibicion of unlawfull games, whiche lawes, as we be enformed, ar verie moche neclegted, and not put in suche due execucon as we thynk most convenient and

[1] Peacock is granted by the Council an annuity of £6 13s. 4d.

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necessarie; wherof we have cause to ympute (*fo.* 17) great falt to the lack of diligence in some of yowe, the Justics of peace, to whome the chief care in that behalf apperteyneth, and to whome heretofore we have addressed our sundrye lettres and commyssions for that purpose, and for that we be also enformed that bowles, dice, cardes, tables[1] and other ungodlie and unlawfull playes and ar so moche or so commonly in the most parts of this shier frequented and used, and the lawdable and comendable exercise and qualitie of shootinge in longe bowes so litle used and regarded; we have therfore thought good by thes presents to will and ernestlie to requier yowe and commande yowe that furthwith and ymedyatlie upon the receipte of this our commission in your severall devisions, yowe doe give order that all and every unlawfull games, of what kind so ever they be, may be abolished and every person, which by lawe ought to have long bowes and arrowes, that they doe provide themselfs to be furnished therwith according to the lawes and statuts of this our realme, And according to the late generall musters anno 1573, wherof we pray yowe not to fale.

York xxviij^th^ Marche,
And by her Counsell.

fo. 17b. **Instructions for Justices of Peace for Yeomanry.**

Articles for the better instruccons of the Justics of peace in every dyvision within the Cyttie of York and Countie of the same.

First that yowe se suche quantitie of armes and furniture, which were at the time of the late generall musters 1572, viewed and certified to be presentlie skowred, dressed, buckled and trymmed to the intent the same arms may be better preserved, and also upon any occasyon of service the same may be in readynes to be ymployed as neade shall require.

That yowe choise the number of xxx mete men within the same Cyttie and Cowntie and liberties of the same for shott with the harquebuzes or calever to be trayned to use ther peces and to mete at the said Cittie thre tymes in the yeare viz. in Easter weeke iiij dayes (*fo.* 18), in Whitson weke iiij dayes, and on Michelmas day (not being a Sonday) and the next day after that.

And the same men to be fermers and husbandmen, suche as ar like to contynue and be resident in the said Cyttie and County of the same; and for defaulte of them suche other honest artificers as yowe think ar like to contynue and be resident so as they be no archers.

That ye provide that every of the said persons be selected and apoynted for shott be furnished of a sufficient pece, murryon, flaxe, touche, boxe, sweord and dagger, bullet and powder; and that ye make levie therof out of the common charge of your said Cyttie, so as no person be charged that hath not above the number of

1 Tables; formerly the ordinary name for Backgammon.—N.E.D.

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xx sheepe or iiij cattle, nor other poore cottaiger not being worth in your estymaccon so moche in value.

That yowe doe rate yourselfs and the rest of the said Cyttie and Countye of the same (except before excepted) to contribute to the charge aforsaid, and to suche other preparacon in mony as will amount to viij^{d} *per diem* for every shott within your said Cyttie and Countie of the same for x dayes in the year at the least.

That at the tymes of the assemblies twoo Justics of the peace, hede constables and other pryncipall officers be presente to se the peace kept, and that ther be no disturbance and that the price of victualls be not in anie wise enhanced during the tyme, but that every person coming thyther to be trayned may have his diet at a resonable rate.

That at the breaking up of the said assembles the peces, armour and other furnyture be by yowe, the Justics, taken and put in some conveniente places untill the next assemble, or untill by other order they shalbe otherwise ymployed, except suche peces, armes and furniture as be ther owne that use them.

That yowe advertise me, the President, the names of suche person or persons as yowe shall thinke mete men of skill and experyence in martyall affaires, to trayne suche as yowe shall make choise of for shott, and like wise what persons yowe thinke mete to collect and make payment of the money to be levied for this charge; for seying that they be men of worth and honestie, and such as will faythfullie discharge and performe the trust committed unto them.

That yowe doe like wise certifie me, the President, of your opynions what place or placs yowe think metest for the kepinge of the said peces and armor.

H. Huntyngdon.

fo. 19. **Non-attenders at Church.**

10 April 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Parcyvall Geldart, Christopher Kitchynman and George Hall of Chrysts paroche, John Massherother and Thomas Langton of St. Sampson paroche, whois wifs cometh not to the churche on sondayes and holydayes, and also William Hutton of Chrysts paroche, who neither he nor yet his wif cometh to the churche on sondayes and holydayes, personally appered; and forsomoche as the said Parcyvall, Christopher, George, John, Thomas and William wold not nor yet will suffer distresses to be taken by the churche wardens of their severall paroches for the severall offenses aforsaid, nor yet will pay any money for the same, accordyng to thorder therof latly made; therefor, it is nowe aggreed that they and every of them shalbe forthwith commytted to warde and further order to be taken for their offenses.

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And nowe also John Oldcorne of Saynt Sampson paroche, who cometh not to the churche on sondayes and holydayes, personally appeared and sayeth he is content to suffer the churche wardens to take his distresses for his offens.

Also Margaret Hewitt, doughter of Thomas Hewett of Johns paroche at Ousebrig end, personally appeared, who wilfully and obstynatly refused to come to the churche and pay any money for hir offens. Aggreed that she shalbe forthwith commytted to warde.

(*fo.* 19b). And nowe one Baley appered and shewed a Commyssion under the great seale of England wherby he emongs others is aucthorised to inquyer of offendars whiche weareth hatts on sondayes and holydayes contrary to the Statute; and is content to take some reasonable fyne for the same, and my L. Mayor and his Brethern to inquyre apon the premysses theymselfs at the next Wardmote Courts and to have the fynes therof. Wherapon it is aggreed that Mr. Recordar advise shalbe had herin and than the said Baley to have an answere at his next repare to this Citie.

fo. 20. **Training of 30 Soldiers.**

The names of the xxx soldyars appoynted for shott within this Citie of York and Countie of the same, and mustered with all furnyture before John Dyneley, L. Mayour etc. xjth day of April 1577, to every of whiche soldyars wages is payed by the Chambrelaynes for usyng their peces this Easter weke, as foloweth.[1]

(*fo.* 21). Mem. that everye soldyoure had paied waigies after the rate of viij^{d} per diem.

Mem. that ther was paied by the Chamberlaynes to Mr. Gats and Roberte Blayke, for trayning of the said souldioures for iiij dayes viz. monday, tuisday, wednesday and thursday in Easter weeke now instante eyther of them xij^{d} per diem, viij^{s}.

Item more paied to George Dawson, dromer for calling and trayninge the said solyoures for iiij dayes at viij^{d} per diem, ij^{s} viij^{d}.

Summa iiij^{li} viij^{s}.

fo. 24b. **Eating meat in Lent.**

Where as Edith Hyemore, wif of Thomas Hyemore, upholster, is latly presented for eatyng of flesshe viz. a chekyn, in Lent last; and also Thomas Dawson, bocher, is latly presented for killyng a calf for Mr. Thomas Boynton, esquyer, nowe Sheryf of Yorkshire, in Lent last, contrary to the Queenes majestie proclamacon; it is therefore aggreed that the said Edith and Thomas Dawson shalbe commanded to appere at the next assemblee of this hows.[2]

[1] The names of the soldiers follow, folios 20, 20b, 21. Their training lasted for 4 days. Parochial assessments for "furnishing" the soldiers, amounting to £60 for the City and £10 for the Ainsty, are given on folios 21b to 23.

[2] There is no further mention of this matter.

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fo. 25.

Law costs.

Certificate that arrangements have been made for the military training of 30 men.

19 April 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 3 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 14 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the Chamberlaynes shall forthwith pay to James Bekwith, late churche warden of the paroche of Allhallowes apon the pavement, ij^{s} vj^{d} in full satisfaction of all suche costs as he hath susteyned abowte a sewte commensed ageinst hym by one John Wildon in the Sheryffs Courte for a distresse, whiche the same James did duryng his said Office take of the goods of the said John viz. viij pare of nether stocks or hoses, bycause his wif did wilfully absent hir self frome hir paroche churche on the sondayes and holydayes contrary to the Statut; and that the said James shall forthwith delyver to the said Chamberlaynes the said distresse and they to kepe the same untill suche tyme as the said John do paye to theyme ageyne the said ij^{s} v^{d}.

Aggreed that Mr. John Wilkynson shall pay unto Humfry Gray, skott, for a weighe of salt, accordyng to their bargayne; and that the same Humfry shall pay for the freight and he to be allowed of the same freight xxvj^{s} viij^{d} for the losse of foure quartres of salte that was in the said kele; and further that the said Mr. John Wilkynson nor any his partnars of the said kele nor any for theym shall arrest or troble the said Humfry but to suffre hym peaceably to depart.

Also it is aggreed that Mr. Allyn, Alderman, shall be sent for with all convenient spede as towchyng the money that he oweth to this Corporacon.

(*fo.* 25b). Aggreed that the Chamber apon Ousebrig shalbe the place for kepyng of the armour and peces for the xxx men latly appoynted for shotte.

Certificat.

To the right honorable the Earle of Huntyngdon, Lord President of the Queenes majesties honorable Counsell establysshed in theis North parties.

Pleaseth it your honour to be advertised that by vertewe of a letter frome your honour to us, the Mayour and Aldermen of this Citie of York directed, and sundry articles therewith sente; we have chosen the numbre of xxx mete men for shott with the harquebuzes or calever to be trayned and instructed to use ther peces, and to charge and dischardge the same; and the names of suche persones as we thynke mete men of skyll and experience in marcyall affaires to trayne the said men are Richard Yate and Robert Blake; and we thynke that Christopher Smythson, Thomas Parker, Edward Raleton and Raulf Cowlyng, foure of the Chamberlanes, are mete persones to collecte and make payment of the money to be levied for

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this chardge, who are men of welth and honestie and suche as we veryly hoape will feithfully dischardge and performe the trust commytted unto theyme. And our opynions are that that the Chamber apon Ousebrige, a place whiche we thynk metest for kepyng of the peces and armour for the said xxx men chosen for shott, as knoweth Almyghtie God, who long preserve your good Lordship in moche nobilitie and honour long to prosper. Yeven at York x^th^ day of Aprill 1577.

fo. 26. **Laws for relief of poor and repair of roads to be carried out.**

Child abandoned in Coney Street.

26 April 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

By the Queene.

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well; and where as there be dyverse and sundrie good lawes and statutes made for the relief of the poore and impotent, of rogues and idle persons, and provision to sett suche to work and labour as can and be able; and there be also good lawes made for thamending of highe wayes, whiche lawes if they weare well and dewly observed and executed, there wold not be suche generall and contynewall complaynts to us and our Counsell for the redresse of suche enormyties as daily be and growe in theis North parties, by reason of the lack of the good execucon of the same lawes; we therefor greatly tenderyng the griefs and compleynts of our people and consideryng also how necessarie and beneficyall the execucon of the same lawes be, the tyme of the yere appoynted by our lawes for the amendyng of highe wayes so nere approchyng, have thought good to putt yowe in remembrans therof and commande yowe to take order by all the wayes and meanes yowe can for the good execucon of the said lawes, as well for the relief of the poore etc. as also that yowe have great care and regarde, and gyve especyall order for the amendyng of the high wayes, wherof as we be enformed there is marvelous great nede, and whereof our people, and (*fo.* 26b) subjects do dayly greatly compleyne, that they, their horses, cattell, and cariages, in commyng and going to and frome the townes and marketts ar in grete distres, parell and daunger whiche we thinke yowe should forsee and cause to be amended with out anye admonicon frome us. And where of laite proclamacons have bene published for the repressinge of the excesivenes of apparell our pleasure is that yowe have greate care to the dewe observacon of the contents of the said proclamacon.

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And by hir Counsell

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Aggreed that one Ann Smyth here present, who was latly begotten with child contrary to the lawe, and also unmotherly and unnaturally left the child in Cony strete and went awaye and will not kepe hir said child, shalbe forthwith commytted to ward.

fo. 28. **Inspection of the poor. Grate at end of Shambles.**

10 May 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 3 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that all the pore of this Citie shalbe viewed before my Lord Mayor and his Brethern, in their severall wards, so allways my L. Mayor be one.

Aggreed that the grate at thende of the great Shambles, underneath James Wilkynsons hows shalbe repaired.

fo. 29. **Special collection for two poor people.**

Little seal of silver to be made.

15 May 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that one Thomas Marshall alias Waller, and one James Calverd, beying two very pore and deseased persones, shall have a testymonyall under the seale of Office, to gather relief of the well disposed within this Citie, for a quarter of a year nexte comyng; and for somoche as they are suche diseased persons as are not mete to come in any assemblee of people, Christopher Smythson and Raulf Cowlyng, twoo of the Chamberlaynes, shall goo abowte with the said testymonyals and to see the said relief for the said pore men gathered, and to move the people to extende their liberalitie apon theym.

Aggreed that a litle seale shalbe made of silver with the armes of this Citie for the Lord Mayor to seale precepts, pasports and suche like things; and theis worde to be graven abowte the said seale *Signaculum Eboracensium.* The saide seale to be delyvered ever yearley from Mayor to Mayor.

fo. 30. **Silver Gilt Basin and Ewer. The Queen's bearward.**

22 May 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sherifs, 7 of the xxiv.

Mr. Belt brought in and delyvered the basyn and ewar of silvar parcel gilt, weighing Lxij unces, latly bequeathed to the Mayour and Commonaltie by Mr. Thomas Metcalf, late of the Citie of London, deceased, whiche basyn and ewar my L. Mayour caused nowe to be caried to his hows, there to be used duryng his mayoraltie for the worship of this Citie.

Aggreed that the Quenes majesties barward servant, beying nowe in this Citie, shall this day in the after noone bate his beares at Peseholme Grene; and he to have for his peynes by discretion of my Lord Mayor.

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fo. 30b. **The Crane house to be repaired.**

24 May 19 Elizabeth (1577).

Aggreed that the Crane hows shalbe repared; and that no packs or any other thyng shall frome hensforth be laid at the Cranes but onely in the storehows there; and that the clerk of the said Crane shall make what commoditie he can there; and he to take for every last[1] wekely j^{d} and for barell ware wekely ij^{d}.

fo. 34. **Statement required as to condition of soldiers in training.**

14 June 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 17 of the xxiv.

After my verie hartie commendacons, I am gyven to understand that hir Majestie dothe looke to be advertised how this countrie is provided of the furnyture of harque busiers, which it pleased hir highnes of late by hir letters to commande shoulde be putt in a redynes in the County of Yorke; theis are therefore to will and requier yowe presently, upon the receipt of theis my letters, to certifie unto me in writyng under your hands, howe the nombre appointed within your devision are furnished; and howe often they have bene trayned accordyng to hir Majesties direction; and who was the trayner of theym. I desyre to receyve this frome yowe with some spede, that I may be the more able to gyve hir highnes an accompt when it shall please hir to send for it, which I do dayly looke for, and so do bidde yowe right hartely farewell. Frome Yorke the xijth of June 1577.[2]

Your lovyng frend
H. Huntyngdon.

fo. 35b. **Copy of the new Charter for Hull.**

Consultation of Lawyers.

16 June 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 11 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that a lettre shalbe made to Mr. Belt to gett the copie of a newe charter granted to Hull for foreyn bought and foreyne solde.

Also it is aggreed that Mr. Recorder, Mr. Palay and Moore, lawiars, shall mete togither tomorow at ix of the clock before noone at Mr. Recordar hows; and they to have brought unto theym thither the chartre of adnullyng of a former grant made to Hull of forreyn bought, forreyn solde; and that they than and there to peruse the same and to take their advises togither, what is best to be done towchyng the same for the benefit of this Citie; and the said Mr. Palay and Mr. Moore to be considered therfore for their peynes.

1 Last: a load.
2 The Certificate asked for is sent to the Earl of Huntingdon.

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fo. 38. **Countermeasures adopted against Hull.**

1 July 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, William Byrnand, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Forsomoche as dyvers and sundrye injuries and wrongs have of late by indirect meanes bene attempted, done and executed by the Mayour, Burgesses and inhabitants of the towne of Kyngeston upon Hull against the Citizens of this Citie; and specyally agenist the merchants of the same, and greater by like meanes are like to ensewe, to the greate losse, greif, hyndrance and discommoditie of the same merchants and citizens, if some convenient remydie or redresse be not herin spedily provided; wherefore the said Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheryffs and xxiiij of the previe Counsell of this Citye here assembled at the humble request aswell of the Governor and fellowship of Merchants of this Citie as others the cityzens of the same, certayne Articles were nowe by the said L. Mayor etc with the consent of the said Governor and felawship of Merchants and citizens aforesaid devised, fully aggreed and enacted to be at all tymes frome hensforth dewly observed, fulfilled and kept; the whiche Articles are engrossed in parchment and beare date the day and yeare abovesaid, and the same with the draught thereof in paper doeth remayne in the cupbourds in the Counsell Chamber apon Ousebridge, wherof my L. Mayour hath the keye.

fo. 39. **A fishing day.**

12 July 19 Elizabeth (1577).

Aggreed that fisshyng shalbe made in the ryver of Ouse on Wedynsday next by my L. Mayor, Mr. Recorder, the Aldermen, Sheryffs, xxiiij and Chamberlaynes, as hath bene accustomed, and that certayne the Chamberlaynes and two of the L. Mayor officers with the fisshers to goo the night next before to fisshe; and that the L. Mayor, Recorder and every of the Aldermen shall pay at the dynar xij^{d} a pece; and either of the Sheryffs and every of the xxiiij to paye likewise.

fo. 40. **Advice on how to deal with poor relief.**

17 July 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

To my lovyng frends, the L. Mayor and Aldermen of the Citie of York.

My Lord Mayor; theis are to lett yowe and your Brethrens understand that my Lord Archebisshop of York and I have had some conferens of provision to be made for the poore of this Citie, wherof the number is so great, and troublesome to all thois that have cause to resort hither, as is pitifull to behold; and surely some slaunder to yowe that be the magistrates, so as for dyverse respects besyds christyan charitie, we in theis cases ought cheifly to move; we have thought it most convenyent to devise some waye for

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redresse herof, and herin I fynde my L. Grace to be most forward, as herafter will make manyfestly appeare; but in the meane tyme he hath earnestlye solicyted me. Nowe for the bettar furtherans of this his most godly intention your helpe is to be requyred. First in setting downe the nombre, quallities and ayge of all the poore in this your Citie, and cheifly the nombre and quallitie; wherin you must note howe many poore there be that are impotent, and therefore unhable to worke, and howe many of theym are hable and fett to worke; and, so nere as yowe can, judging for what work they are most apt. I do also requyre to have a note of the collection that is made within your Citie for the releif of the poore, bothe what the somme is, and by whome it is paide. Of all theis thyngs I reqyure to have your certificat in writyng before the xxvijth of this July And thus I commytte yowe to God, this xiiijth of July at Mr. Browne's house in York.

Your lovyng frend in the Lord,

H. Huntyngdon.

fo. 41. **Inspection of the Poor.**

19 July 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that all the poore of this Citie shalbe viewed this next weke by my L. Mayour, Aldermen and xxiiij in their severall wards. Bothome warde on Monday next before noone at Belfray churche; Monke ward at after none at St. Saviors churche; Walmgate warde on wedynsday next before noone at Trynities hall; and Miklythwarde at after noone at St. Martynes churche in Mickylgate.

fo. 41b. **Gift of a Silver Pot. Unruly poor to be whipped.**

5 August 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

And nowe Mr. Robert Criplyng, Alderman, did bryng in and freely gyve to thuse of the Mayor and Commonaltie, one sylvar pott, weighing sex unces and more, as he sayeth, whiche silvar pott my Lord Mayor with consent of theis presens caused to be caryed home to his howse, theis to be used duryng his mayoraltie, and than he to delyver the same to the next Mayour.

Aggreed that uxor Richardson alias Tynklar, Janett Chapman, Elizabeth Potter and Elizabeth Hakilton, some of the poore of St. Thomas Hospitall, and also Nicolas Shepard, one of the poore of Trynitie hospitall, for theis severall offences and mysdemeanours by theym latly commyttede shalbe whipped abowte this Citie on tewesday next, but specyally the said uxor Richardson, Janett Chapman and Nicolas Shipard to be grevously whipped.

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fo. 42b. **Commission for General Muster.**

6 August 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

To the L. Mayor and other hir Majesties Justics of peace in the Citye of Yorke, gyve theis.

Forasmuche as the Queenes majestie myndeth to preserve this realme and hir lovyng subjects therin from the danger of forreyn enemyes; and for that purpose is desyrouse to see hir subjects furnished with armor, weapon as apperteynith, and hath therefur directed furth hir Highnes Commyssion under the greate seale of England to us and others, to take generall musters and to see men furnysshed with armour and weapon accordyng to hir Majesties lawes. This therefore is to commande yowe ymediatly to write or cause to be written in a faire rolle in paper all the names and surnames of every gentleman and other able men, betwixt the age of xvj and lx yeres, inhabityng within your Citie; and to call and commande theym and every of theym that they and every of theym be personally before us at Heworth Moore, the xxiiijth day of September next before ix of the clock before noone; and that yowe for the spedye despatch therof cause theym to be sett or staid on a vewe one by another in order as they be written in the rolle of their names; and further gyve straite charge that every man bryng with hym all and every such armour and weapons for footemen as every of theyme by the lawe is bound to have and kepe; and also all suche as of their good willes they promysed to kepe before the late Commissioners (in xv Elizabeth); and further that youe bryng together with yowe all the common armour and weapons that the inhabitants of the towneships weare appoynted to kepe by the said late Commyssioners, the severall kynds wherof herafter is recyted, that is to saye corseletts, alman revetts, plate coates, curriers, calevers, harquebuziers, handgonnes, long bowes, shefe of arrows, halberds, partizans, pikes, black billes, murrions, salletts, sculles, stele cappes; and that yowe and every other person and personnes faile not to performe the premyses, and every part therof, as yowe and every of theym will answere at your perille. Yeven the first day of August 1577.

H. Huntyngdon
R. Stapleton.

fo. 44. **Petition of the Tailors granted.**

20 August 19 Elizabeth (1577).

Apon humble sewte made by the Maister and felawshipe of Taylars of this Citie, it was aggreed that they shall frome hensforth have all fynes and forfaytures of iij^{s} iiij^{d} and under that somme, for offenses to be commytted contrary to their ordynance, paying thereafter yerely to the Common Chambre xiij^{s} iiij^{d} at Martynmas and Pentecost by even porcons.

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fo. 47b. **Poor Relief.**

14 August 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 5 Aldermen.

Aggreed that all the pore of this Citie shalbe viewed this next weke; Bothome warde on moneday next at ix of the clock before none at Belfray churche; and Monk Warde the same day at one of the clock in the after noone at St. Anthonye hall; and Miklyth ward the same day at one of the clock in the afternoone at St. Martyns Churche in Mikilgate. And that the constables of every paroche of this Citie shall in the meane tyme be charged to cause all the poore, as well olde as yong, of their severall paroches, and allso all the landeslords and lettars of howses to the said pore personally to appere before my L. Mayor, Mr. Wardens, the Sheryfe and xxiiij, and to certifie all their names than in writyng. And also the collectours for the poore of every paroche of this Citie to be charged to be there and to certifie than in writyng the names of all suche as refuse to pay to the poore beyng assessed; and that precepts shalbe made forthwith accordyngly.

fo. 49. **Millstones for St. Anthony's Hall. Poor cases.**

23 August 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Horneclyf and Day, sledmen, shall have fyve shillyngs for carrieng the miln stones from the stathe to Saynt Anthonyes, and the same to be payed theym by the Chamberlayns.

(*fo.* 49b). And where as there are twoo boyes called Robert Webbe and Christopher Webbe, hable to be putt to service in the custodie of Agnes Harryson, widowe; it is nowe aggreed that the said twoo boyes shalbe conveyed to London before Michelmas next; and they to have their releif untill that tyme onely; and that further order shalbe taken in the meane tyme for the apparalyng of the same poore boyes and for carying of theym to London.

(*fo.* 40). And where it was aggreed that Roger Urpith, laborer, of St. Dionys paroche, beyng latly come to this Citie shall avoide forth of the same clerely before Michelmas next apon payne of whippyngs; and he beyng here present as content to be so or ells to suffer the same punishment.

Aggreed that William Curtas, head beggar of Monkwarde shall forthwith avoide his brother and syster, latly come to hym frome Beverley, apon payne of whippyng.

fo. 50b. **Mills at St. Anthony's Hall. Payment for injury.**

North Street Postern to be enlarged.

6 September 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 15 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that my Lord Mayor, Mr. Maskewe, Mr. Harbert, Mr. Harryson, Mr. Graves, Aldermen, and Mr. John Wilkynson,

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shall this day at iii of the clock in the afternoone goo and view Saynt Anthony hall, and that the maister of St. Anthonyes hospitall and also Leonard Craven and Ambrose Gray, carpentars, shalbe warned to be there to se the said hospitall, and to have their advises towchyng the said hall and the mylnes there; and to make report therof to the next assemblie of this hows.

Aggreed that Robert Rownthwait shall have fyve shillyngs payed hym by the Chamberlaynes for and in consideracon of a hurt that his horse had which was taken post to Carlell.

Aggreed that North stret postern shalbe enlarged apon viewe of the same by my L. President mason' soo that my L. President may frome tyme to tyme passe throughe the same.

fo. 52b. **Fine for avoiding being Sheriff.**

11 September 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Where as at the last assemblie of this hows Robert Tesymond; bocher, did make humble sewt to be dischardged of office of Shery-, faltie, and he to pay suche fyne as shoulde be assessed upon hym it is nowe aggreed that the said Robert in consideracon that he is growne in age, and also impotent, and not mete nor hable person to serve the said office, shalbe therefor dischardged of the said office so that he pay xxx^{li} in name of a fyne within such tyme and apon suche assurans as shalbe further aggreed apon.

fo. 56. **Election of new Sheriffs.**

21 September 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present.* John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Assembled in the Counsell Chambre of the Common Hall for the eleccon of twoo Sheryffs of this Citie, accordyng to the Queenes chartre of eleccon; and apon foure eslytes, that is to say, Raulf Richardson, George Fawcett, Lawrens Grene and John Farley, the said Raulf Richardson and George Fawcett are by most voyces of thois presens chosen to be sheryffs of this Citie for the yere next to come, accordyng to thancyent chartre and custome of this Citie; whiche beyng sent for by an officer came and toke their oathes accustomed, except onely the clause not to take any serjant that hath bene in that office three yeres next before, whiche was referred to their owne discreccons and they to abide the danger of the Statut therin; and also found suerties for the Queens fee farme to be payd: And so gave the wyne. And further the same sheryffs did than and there take thothe appointed by Acte of Parliament maid in the first yere of the Queenes majesties reigne for every temporall judge, justice etc. to receyve.

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fo. 57b. **Monk Bar to be a prison.**

Millstones at St. Anthony's.

2 October 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Monke barr shalbe made a prison for punyshment of offendars; and that Oswald Chambers, Officer, shallbe overseer therof.

Aggreed that my L. Mayor callyng to hym certayne of his Bretherns and the serchars of milnars shall goo and viewe the milnes at St. Anthonyes this day in thafter noone or ells tomorowe in the mornyng.

fo. 59. **Bills to be paid. Ainsty soldiers.**

A carpenter enfranchised. One of the poor to be punished.

11 October 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that twoo bills of chardges concernyng the sewts at Bradforth and Wakefeld, amountyng in the wholle to the somme of Lxxvij^{s} ij^{d} shalbe payed forwith by the Chamberlayns to Mr. Belt, accordyng to the saide billes by hyme nowe exhibited; and also vj^{s} viij^{d} for the copie of the chartre granted to Hull for foreyn bought and foreyn sold.

Also aggreed that the xxx men of this Citie and Aynstie latly appoynted for shott with the harquebuze or calyver shewyng theym selfs before my L. President this day at afor noone shalbe payed their wages by the Chamberlaynes; and also that gonne powder shalbe provided for theym and bought by the Chamberlaynes forthwith.

(*fo.* 59b.) And forsomoche as Edward Portar, carpentar, hath freely gyven to the Mayor and Commonaltie of this Citie one tymber tree lighing at Selby; and also for and in consideracon that he shall of his proper costs not onely repare and amend twoo mylnes latly made by hym, and sett up at St. Anthonys hospitall, from tyme to tyme, as oft as nede shall requyre duryng one wholle yere next commyng, and make theym closse abowt for a reasonable price bettar cheape than an other will, but also that the same Edward shall repare the said mylnes at all tymes after that whan and as oft as nede shall requyer for reasonable wages; it is therfore nowe aggreed that the same Edward shalbe franchised and made a freeman of this Citie withowte payeng any franches money.

And further it is aggreed that the said Edward Portar shall have xxvj^{s} viij^{d} for workmanship for enclosyng of the said mylnes at St. Anthonys; and that all the stuff and other necessaries shalbe founde and brought thither and layde upon the grounde there ready wrought of the Chambre chardges; of whiche somme of xxvj^{s} viij^{d} he hath payd unto hym in hand xiij^{s} iiij^{d}.

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(*fo.* 60.) Aggreed that John Mawde, one of the poore placed in Saynt Anthonye hospitall for goyng forth of the same beggyng abrode contrary to the Statute, and for slanderouse wordes by hym spoken shalbe forthwith commytted to ward, and that he shall tomorrow be whipped abowte the Citie with a paper on his heade mencionyng the said cause of his punysshement.

fo. 60b. **Yearly contributions for York poor.**

Contribucon yerely to be made by theis persons under named toward the releif of the poore of the Citie of Yorke, which sommes of money are quarterly to be payed to the L. Mayor and Aldermen, who have promysed to take suche ordre that the said poore shall not openly begge within the Citie or nere unto it. The first payment to begynne at Michelmas last past:

Lord President xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}. L. Archbishop of York xx^{li}. D. Hutton, deanery Yorke viij^{li}. Mr. Palmer xl^{s}. Doctor Gibson xxvj^{s}. Mr. Percy viij^{s}. Mrs. Yonge xl^{s}. Mr. Franklyn xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Mr. Payler xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Mr. Birkhead xx^{s}. Mr. Layton ———. Mr. Taylbois ———. Mr. Lowther ———. Mr. Brathwaite ———. Mr. Tomson x^{s}. Mr. Lewes ———. Mr. Neville xiij^{s} iiij^{d}. Mr. Hudson ———. Mr. Staghton x^{s}. Mr. Walmesley xx^{s}. Mr. Hilliarde x^{s}. Mr. Jenkyns, receavour, xx^{s}. Mr. Thwyng v^{s}.

fo. 61b. **Non attenders at Church.**

Deputy Constables appointed.

25 October 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 9 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the churche wardens of all suche paroches within this Citie and suburbes of the same, where any persones have bene presented for not commyng to churche shalbe called before my Lord Mayour this present day at afternoone to thentent to knowe of theym what money or distress they have receyved or taken of the offendars. And further to learne of every the said churchwardens the names of all persones whiche wilfully absent theymselfs from the churche on sondayes and holydayes, and howe long every of theym have so absented theyme selfs, and thois that be imprysoned for that offens, to learne how long they have bene so ymprisoned. And further that the said churchewardens shall bryng in the distresses tomorowe to Ousebrig to thentent all the same may be praysed and solde accordyng to the custome of this Citie.

And where at the last assemblee of this hows certayne persones weare appoynted in certayne wards of this Citie to be deputie constables; now other persones are also appoynted to be (*fo.* 62) deputie constables for the resydewe of the wardes; and they to apprehend vacabund beggars etc; and that every of theym shall

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have yerely for their paynes xl^{s} a pece, and a lyverie of blew of x^{s}, and the said money to be payed to theym quarterly; and every of theym to have also a tipstaf; and the said staves and lyverie to be forthwith provided by the Chamberlaynes and to be made agenist sonday next; and every of theym to pay for their owne cotes makyng and to fynd lynyng and other thyngs to the same.

fo. 62b. **Expense of rebuilding North street postern.**

30 October 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 2 Aldermen.

A bill of chardges concerning the takyng downe and makyng up of North strete posterne, amountyng to the somme of xxviij^{s} vj^{d} was now exhibited by William Foster, my Lord President mason. Wherapon it is nowe aggreed that the said xxviii^{s} vj^{d} shalbe payed hym forthwith by the Chamberlaynes; and also that he shall have xl^{s} for the cobles and stones latly gotten at the Manor to be likewise payed hym by the Chamberlaynes.

Two poor children helped.

1 November 19 Elizabeth (1577).

Memorand that it was aggreed in the Mynstar by my Lord Mayour, Mr. Recorder, Mr. Bekwith, Mr. Calome, Mr. Harbert, Mr. Maskewe, Mr. Graves, Mr. Criplyng and Mr. Askwith, Aldermen, that twoo poore yong children of Martyn Waite shall have iiij^{d} wekely towards their releif to be payed by the collectours of the paroche of Saynt Michael of the Belfray duryng the pleasure of my Lord Mayour and his Bretherne, whiche Martyn is nowe in prison in the kydcot.

fo. 63b. **Friary wall to be repaired. St. George's house.**

6 November 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 5 Aldermen.

Aggreed that the freer wall anenst the Crane shalbe repared with stones which my Lord President hath gyven; and the same stones to be forthwith gotten of the Chambre chardge and to be layd at St. George hows; and workmen forthwith to be had for that purpose.

Aggreed that John Devour shall have certayne the lowehouses and one of the chambres at St. Georg hows which may best be spared; and he to pay therfore after the rate of xx^{s} by yere; and he to avoid from theis apon tenne dayes warnyng; and he to doo no hurt to the hows neither to the glasse wyndowes nor otherwise.

Aggreed that all the poore of this Citie shalbe viewed by my Lord Mayour and his Brethrene and xxiiij the next wek in their severall wardes.

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fo. 64.

Trading offences.

Order of unloading vessels at the Staith.

15 November 19 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—Jokn Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

Richard Wood personally appearyng and beyng charged with certayne offenses comytted against thorders of this Citie for coloaryng of foreyn goods, as appereth by the presentment therof, is content to submytt hymself to thorder of my Lord Mayor and his Bretherne; wherapon it is nowe aggreed that the said Richard Wood shall pay iiij^{li} fyne for his such offencs.

And now also Christopher Jackson, being charged for takinge uppe a hogshead and a barrell belonginge to one George Mountague of Therske in colouring the same being foreign goods, in lyke manner submytted himself to thordes of this Courte.

And now also Mr. Thomas Appleyard younger being charged for buyenge of dyverse waires at Hull and brought to York in dyverse keles, as appeareth particlerlie by a bill exhibited by Mr. Robert Brook, governours of the Merchauntes, amountinge in the whole to clx^{li}, contrarie to the orders latelie made in this Court, submytted himself.

(*fo.* 64b.) Aggreed that every kele, catche and other vessell, whiche shall from hensforth come to the Stathe with any merchant wares or coales shalbe unloaden from tyme to tyme in order as they shall come thither; and that none shall delyver forth of any kele, catche or other vessell any goods or marchandise on land untill suche tyme as that that came before be fully dischardged and carried away apon payne of xx^{s}; and the Stath kepar or other presentar to have for every suche offens by hym presented ij^{s}.

fo. 66b.

Inspection of books of poor relief.

A master slanders his servant. A vagrant to be whipped.

29 November 20 Elizabeth (1577).

Aggreed that the bookes of the poore shalbe perused by Ed. Fale and note to be made what pore is nedefull to have further releif and they to have releif of my Lord Presidents money latly receyved.

(*fo.* 67b). And wheras Thomas Allynson hath latly spoken certayne slanderous and filthie words of Jane Walker, his servant; it is therfore aggreed that the same Thomas for his said offens shalbe in St. Johns church at Ousebrig end on sonday next in the mornyng in service tyme and there to contynewe untill service be done; and he to have a papir writen with woords to this effecte—that the woords that he spake of the said Jane were untrewe and that he is very sory therefore; and the same Thomas than and there to rede the same; and the said Jane to be warned to be there and he to aske hir forgyvenes there openly.

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Aggreed that one Thomas Murran, a vagrant person shalbe whipped abowte this Citie; and than to have a pasport to passe to Newtowne in Hamshire, where he last dwelled, within certayne dayes.

fo. 68. **Collectors for the poor. Money for poor relief.**

6 December 20 Elizabeth (1577). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

John Saxton and Christofer Palezar are chosen to be collectours for the poore of All Hallowes paroche apon the Pavement untill suche tyme as William Skott, one of the collectours there beyng beyond the seas shall come home, or unto such tyme as John Wildon an other of the said collectours shalbe released of his imprisonment, and that the said John Saxton and Christofer Palezar shalbe accomptant for no longer tyme then they shall collecte and gather the money for releif of the poore.

Aggreed that the money that was latly receyved of certayne persones absentyng theym selfs frome the Churche, and also the money that was latly receyved of my Lord President shalbe distributed to the poore on Wednesday next.

fo. 69b. **Prices of Victual.**

Unlawful assemblies to be prevented.

By the Queene.

Trustye and welbeloved we great yow well; for as moche as we be enformed of the scarsitie of corne and cattell by reason of evell wether, that hath chanced thes yeare, and the same by the gredines of some persons that doe attempt as well against good lawes and statutes of this realme to engrosse, regrate and forstall the same, wherbie the same be enhaunced to greater prices than is convenient, as also to hurt and greve poore people and crafts men and others of our lovinge subjects; thes ar therefor to will and commaund yowe to forsee the same by all such lawfull meanes as ye canne, and that no persones be suffred unlawfullie to occupie bargainings, buying, selling of corne and cattel but suche as be lawfullie authorished to use the same trades and use them lawfullie. And further we will that ye use all diligence to represse and sharplie correcte and punishe all great riottes and unlawful assembles and conventicles and all practises of the evel contented persons of the godlie religion now established and used in this realme; and yf ye shall perceve, suspect or see apparance of anie stur to be maid by them or anie other we will yowe shall doe youre diligence to prevent and represse the same, to apprehend thoffendours and put them in sayf custodie, and therof with all sped to advertise our right trustie the Earle of Huntingdon.

York xx December, xxyere of owre reigne.

And by hir Counsell.

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fo. 71. **Prices of wild fowl.**

3 January 20 Elizabeth (1577-8).

Aggreed and enacted that all maner of wild fowl whiche hereafter shall come unto this Citie to be solde shalbe solde in open markett at my Lord Mayour price as herafter foloweth: that is to saye: every mallard of the best for vj^{d} or under and not above: every partriche of the best for iiij^{d}; every woodcock of the best iiij^{d}; every plover of the best for iij^{d}; every teale of the best for iij^{d}; every snype of the best for j^{d}; every dowzen of felfares or great birds of the best for viij^{d} the dowzen; every douzen of larks, good and swete, for iiij^{d} the douzen; and every douzen of pigeons for xij^{d}. And whatsoever person or persons, citizen or stranger, that shall buye any of the said wild fule at any greater price than is above said, than he, she or they to forfaite v^{s} for every suche offens, and also to be commytted to prison by the Lord Mayour dewryng his pleasure.

Also it is aggreed that no maner person or persones whiche shall make any bride bedds shall not have any wildfule at their weddynge apon payne that every one so offendyng shall forfaire xx^{s}.

fo. 75. **Poultry, etc., to be sold only in Thursday market.**

17 Jan. 20 Elizabeth (1577-8). *Present*—John Dyneley, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

And whereas in the tyme of the Maraltie of Mr. Alane, emongs other things, it was agred that all manner of pultrie, as hennes, capons, chekyns, geese, mallardes, ducks, pigges and eggs, with white meat as mylke, butter and cheese, and certayne other waires as lynen, clothe, harden, seckcloth, hemp, candles, haver meale, salte, onyons, hearbes and roots, shold be solde in the Thursday market, ther three dayes in the weke, accordyng to the aunceyent custome; and all those that shoulde sell anie pultrees or anie of the premisses contrarie to the same agrement shold forfayt the same pultree and other the premisses to the Chamber; and furthermore to make fynes for ther contempt at the discreccon of the said Mayour and his Bretherne; whiche order or agrement was now perused, confirmed and allowed. And further more yt is now agreed that all manner of wilde fowle and conyes shalbe frome hensforth sold in the said Thursday markett three dayes in the weeke and in noe other place.

fo. 78b. **Inspection of the poor.**

Attorneys in the Sheriffs' Court.

7 February 20 Elizabeth (1577-8). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 13 of the xxiv.

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Aggreed that the poore of this Cyttie shall be viewed this next weke, viz Walmgateward on monday next at ix of the clock before none and Monkward the same day at one of the clock at after none at thir places accustomed. And the L. Mayour to be in everye warde with the wardens and xxiiij; and that day to apoynt for the veiwing of the other ij wardes.

And it is now also agreed that the attorneys in the Sheriffs courte shalbe from hensforth chosen by this courte; and Mr. Recorder to have the examynaton of everye attorneye, as touchinge his sufficiencie and ablenes in executyng of that office. And that the Sheriffs for the tyme being shall not admit anie into the same office without speciale graunte to be sett doune and established in this Courte. And yf anie attorney in the said courte shall commytt anie offence hereafter, as touching some matter had or dependinge before them that then they, the said Sheriffs, to furwarde punisshement against everye suche offendour, accordinge to the qualitie of the offence commytted. And if also some compleynt shall be made to the L. Mayour as touchinge some offense to be committed by the said attornays, or anie of them, that then the offendar shalbe punishyd for his offens, accordinglie as shalbe awarded by this courte.

fo. 80b. **Strict observance of Fish days ordered.**

Letter from the Earl of Huntingdon.

11 February 20 Elizabeth (1577-8). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the poore of Micklyth warde shalbe viewed tomorow at one of the clock in the afternoone by my L. Mayour, Mr. wardens etc.

(*fo.* 81). After my very hartie commendacons; thes are to lett you to understand that the ixth of this Februarie I receyved lettres from my lordes of the privie Counsell dated at Hampton Court, the iiijth of this instant, and with the same a copie of a lettre, whiche her Majesties pleasure is to have directed to all the Sheriffs and Justics of peace in eache Shier of this realme; whiche said lettre their L. L. have descried me to imparte to all the Sherifes etc under my Commyssion; so as I have thought good to sende yowe a trewe copie of that lettre and straitely to charge yowe, as their L.L. have specyally requyred me to have dewe regarde that the lawes and statutes provided for observacon of fisshe dayes may be kept and obeyed in suche straite sorte, as by the same lettre yowe may more playnly perceive. And because neither the symple nor subtile shall have any cause to thynk or saye that this, whiche is done onely for good pollicye, shoulde tende to the maynteynyng or revivyng of any popisshe superstition, which may well appeare, by the order taken and lettres sent to the bisshopes and other spirituall persones for the like to be used within their houses and spirituall juriesdiccons

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within this provynce, and so the people may understand the trewe cause therof, whiche hath in it no smak at all of poperie, but is grounded onely apon pollicye to procure a plentye where a dearthe is growne withoute any cause apparent, as should seme but onely the want of obediens to theis lawes. Thus trustyng ye will have dewe regard to the premysses for dischardge of your owne duties I comyte yowe to Heavenly Father.

York the xth of February 1577.[1]

fo. 82. **Sunday hours of drinking.**

Livery offences. Workers on the staith.

14 February 20 Elizabeth (1577-8). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that none of the vyntenars, in holdars, brewars or tiplars of this Citie shall frome hensforth receyve any person or persones of this Citie into any there howses apon any sonday or holyday frome vij of the clock in the mornyng untill xj of the clock before noone, apon payne that every vyntnar so offendyng to be disfranchysed, and every inholdar, brewer and tiplar so offendyng to be clerly dischardged. And warnyng shalbe forthwith gyven therof accordyngly.

(*fo.* 82b). Also it is aggreed that all the persones presented at the last Wardmote Court for wearyng of lords and gentlemans lyveray shalbe called in before thus presens on wedynsday next than to answers for their said offenses; and they to be used accordyng to the intent of the statuts in that case provided, by advise of Mr. Recorder.

Aggreed that there shalbe but onely fourty laborers allowed to cary at the Stathe and at the Lendyng; and orders to be hereafter sett downe for the said laborers.

And where as uxor White of Crux paroche beyng aged and become latly dull of sight hath heretofore had but ij^d^ wekly towards his relief; the same frome hensforth shall have iij^d^ wekely.

fo. 84b. **Chair for the Mayor.**

Cattle in the Bishopfields.

5 March 20 Elizabeth (1577-8). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that a mete and convenient chaire shalbe forthwith made of the Chamber chargies to be remayning in this Courte for the Lorde Mayour to syt in.

Aggreed that no person, neither ownars nor others, shall putt or suffer to be putt any catell into the twoo closes of Bisshopfeilds, called Lathe flatt and Brecken hill, after the xiiij^th^ day of Aprile any yere from hensforth untyl suche tyme of the yere as they use to take in their feast catell.

[1] The letter from the Lords of the Privy Council follow.

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fo. 87. **Slanderous words about the Queen.**

Presents of wine.

26 March 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that John Gibson for speakinge or reportinge certayne slaunderouse and approbriouse wordes of the Quenes majestie, shall have his eares nayled to the pillorie[1] tomorow, beinge the Markett day; and a paper to be set on his head declaringe the cause of his punishement; and ymedyatelye after he to be whipped forth of this Cyttie, and to have pasporte for him and his wief to passe to Stockton.

(*fo.* 87b.) Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, shall have forthwith halfe a tonne of Gascoinge wyne; and Mr. Sergeant Rodes a hodghead and Mr. Recordar a hogshead for ther fees of this Cittie charges.

fo. 88b. **The dwellings of the poor.**

Roads on both sides of All Saints', Pavement.

17 April 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

And wheras dyverse poore persons ar setled in the fyerhouses[2] of certeyn tenements within this Cittie, aganst which tenements the cawsies are in dyverse placis decayed, and from tyme to tyme unrepaired, by reason of the povertie of the same poore tenauntes; and for asmoche as the garthes and backsides parcell of the same tenementes, or in the holding and occupacon of the landlords or of better tenants, whiche garthes and backsids being so parcells of the same tenements ar lyable for the same reparatons, yt is agreed that aswell the said backsids and garthes and the occupyers thereof shalbe chargeable by presentments and informatons or otherwise for the makinge of the said reparacons as well as the saide fyerhouses or tenements thereof and distresses to be levied accordinglie.

And wheras the cawsies on eytherside of the parishe churche of all Saynts upon the Pavement into the streets of Overousgat and Coppergate ar to be repayred by the parishoners of the saide parishe, yet because the same cawsies are dailie brokken by people, horses and secks[3] kepinge ther market place ther, the towle whereof comes to the benyfite of the Chambre; yt is therfore aggreed that the said cawsies, from hensforth yearly from tyme to tyme as neid shall requier, be repaired at the equall chargs of the Common Chambre and of the parishoners of the said parishe, during suche tyme as the markett plaice shalbe kept there.

1 The Pillory stood on the Pavement.

2 "fyerhouses": a fire house according to N.E.D. is a house with a fireplace in it, as distinguished from out-house.

3 "secke"; sacks.

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fo. 89b. **Resistance to a Distress.**

30 April 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that John Wildon and all other persones who weare latelie in ward for that they made reskewe and wolde not suffer ther goodes to be restreyned for ther wiefs absence from the church shalbe commanded to appeare before my L. Mayor and his Bretherne at this place this day sennet and that by Mr. Recorder's advice further order to be taken against them.

fo. 90. **Repair of Weapons.**

The training of the 30 soldiers.

7 May 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that all the peces called harquebutts and calyvers for the xxx men latly appointed for shott within this Citie and Aynstie shalbe repared from tyme to tyme, as they shall stand nede, of the Chambre charges; and that a locksmyth, or other expert persone, to be thought good by my L. Mayour shall be reteyned and have a yerely fee for reparyng of the premysses as oft as nede shall requyer.

(*fo.* 90b.) By the Queene.

Trustie and welbeloved we great you well; and whereas heretofore by oure speciall Commission and direction frome us and oure Privie Counsell, the President and others of oure Councill in the Northe parties, by ther lettres and instructions to you and others, the Justics of our peace did appoynt the number of xxx men to be trayned for shott within that our Cittie of Yorke, and the countie and liberties of the same, thre tymes in the yeare viz: at Easter, Whitsontide and Michaelmas, and everie man to be furnished with a sufficient peace, a murrion, flaske, tuchbox, sworde, dagger, bullet and powder, and to handell and use the same in warlike order, as by the tenor of the same at larg will appeare; we nowe not doubtinge but that the said persones are sufficientlie trained and instructed to handle and use ther peces, redie and mete to come with other forces apon anie sodeyne, when occasion may require, will and commaund yowe that ye with all caire and diligence doe taike order and see that all the saide nomber of soldiours have their furniture fullye and sufficientlie provided and well kepte and dressed, and that they which be treaners of them doe se the said soldiers exercise ther peaces accordinge to your former directions two holidayes in Whitsonweeks next at our saide Cittie, and two other dayes betwix Bartholomewe day and Michelmas at the same place; whiche daies shall by other lettres be after appointed; and before they departe out of the fealdes at enie metynge to shoote with bulletts, everie man at thaire standinge marke twise or thrise a peace; but in anie wise whilles they be in skirmishe or trayninge,

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let not the soldiours shot or use anie bullet, but onelie at the marks aforesaid; and so to contynue the same order from yeare to yeare untill ye shall receave other order; and accordinge to your saide former instructions alwaies to provide that at the tyme of the assembles two Justics of peace, head constables and other principall officers to be present to see peace observed, and that ther be no disturbance; nor the price of victualis anie wise enhaunced; and further that ye with all care and diligence doe taik order for the levieng of the charges of the said soldious and shot, of all sorts of persones, which be best abell to beare the same, and to spare the poorest so as no compleynt or blame be maid unto us about the levieng of the same.

And by hir Counsell.

fo. 93.

Surgeon's fee.

Condition of shooting with the Stone-Bow.

25 May 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Robert Grene, porter, who was latelie hurte by chaunce on the forepart of his head shall have x^{s} towards his surgerye thereof to be payd by the Chamberleyne.

Also it is agreed that neyther servaunts, jorneymen nor apprentics, nor anye other person or persons whatsoever, except he may dispend in lands and fees xx^{li} by year or ells a hundreth, marks in goods shall not shoott anie stone bowe apon payne of xx^{li} and for fayture of every such stone bowe.

fo. 94.

Money to be collected for the repair of Wansford Bridge.

4 June 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

To my lovyng frends the Mayor, Aldermen and Justics of peace within the Citie of Yorke and the Countye of the same and to everye of theym.

Theis are to lett yowe understand that I have receyved long synce lettres from my LL of the Privie Counsell, to procure some colleccon to be made in theis parts for the helpe of the repaire of Wansfurth Bridge, wherof the charges hath bene so great as the contrey in whiche it standeth . . . .[1]. Ayde hath bene given by other contrys[2] adjoynynge, yet the collection beinge farre inferior to the chardgs is not able to finish it. And therfore I have agayne received lettres by whiche I am put in remembrance of the former lettres, and am by thies required to procure some collection to be made in this contrey of men of worship and others of habilitie, as

1 Some words are here missing.
2 "contreys" here mean "counties".

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having cause to goo or sende to London must nedes use this passage as there ordynary highe waye. Theis are therfore to requyre yowe to geather so moche as yowe may of those that be of worshippe and qualitie mete to be delt with in suche matter; and so moche as every one shalbe contented to gyve towards this purpose I pray maye be sent hither to Yorke, before mydsomar with a note in writing of the names of the gyvars and of the some whiche they are contented to gyve. And thus I commyte yowe to God. York the xxvjth of May 1578.

Your loving frend,
H. Huntyngdon.

fo. 98b. **Order for stricter execution of the laws to prevent disorder**

18 June 20 Elizabeth (1578).

By the Quene

Trustie and welbeloved we grete yowe well; whereas we and our Counsell in the North parties be crediblie enformed of sundrie common griefs and disorders contynuing and encreasinge in our Cittie of York and the countie of the same, and that the same groweth chiefly by the ydlenes of our common subjects in thes parts; and partly throughe the carelesse negligence of dyverse and sundry of our Justics of peace in the same countie, for wante of good example in themselfs and the due execucon of dyverse the good and necessarie lawes and statutes of this our Realme; we have (*fo.* 99) therfore thought good to requier and commaund yowe, that with suche convenyent spede as yowe may, to assemble yourselfs in your severall lymitts, and at suche day and dayes, place and places as yowe thynke good, to mete and consulte for thexecucon of thes artycles hereunto annexed, so as the same be done with suche deliberate advice and discreccon as may least troble or molest the greatest nombre of our subjects; and of your doyngs therein our pleasour is that yowe certifie our right trustie and right wellbeloved cosyn therle of Huntingdon monthlie, or once every six weeks at the least, till the furste of November next.

And by her counsell.

Articles and certeyne specyall matters to be considered of and putt in execucon by the good discressions of the Justices of peace within the Citie of Yorke and Countie of the same.

First to geve order and straite charge that the people on sabbaoth dayes, and other holydayes, havyng no lawfull or reasonably lett, do resorte to there parishe churche or chappells to heare devine service and sermons, and to receive the holye comunyon monethly, or foure tymes in the yeare at the least; and the Justics theymselves to be zelous and forward in this behalf, and so to geve

Folios 100b to 102b contain the names of those appointed to collect the poor rate in York and the Ainsty.

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good example to there neighbours and parishoners; and to certifie the names of those persones that of obstynacie or wilfulnes doo dislike of the service nowe used, or contempne the same, and do not come to the churche, and to geve straite order to the church wardens to levye the paynes and sommes of money of suche persones as shall offend, whiche is xij^{d} for every defaulte, so as the said sommes of mony may be distributed in the parishes, and where the offences shalbe so comitted, for the releif of the poore of the same parishe, accordyng to the late statute in that behalf provided, and that the churche wardens do make there weekely accompte to yowe, the Justics, or suche as yowe shall appointe, for the levynge and distribution of the said sommes of mony.

(*fo.* 99b). Also that the laite Statute for the punishment of idle persones, rogues, vagraunt people, may be by your good discreccons more dewlie put in execution then heatherto ye have done, so as the ydle people maie be sett to work and labor, and those that will [not] work and labor, and be hable, to see severelye corrected and punished accordyng to the Statuts; and the aiged, impotent and seke persones, and suche as be not hable to worke and labor, to be more carefullie and charitablye provided for then heatherto they have bene, so as none be suffred to wander and goe abrode.

Also that the severall statuts for spredyng of false rumors and tailes of the Queenes Majestie, or spredyng of rumors and tailes to make dissention or discord between her and her noble men, peares of this realme; or if anye persone or persones shall tell or speake any false newes, rumors, messages or tailes of anye preletts, justices of the one benche or of the other, or other great officer within this realme, whereby discord or scandel may aryse within the realme, that yowe cause suche persones to be apprehended and commytted to the gaole, there to remaine untill they shalbe delivered to justice and ordre of lawe.

Also to avoide manie inconvenients that may and do happen by night walkers, that yowe geve verie straite order that the statuts for watchers and the statuts for hew and crye be deweley executed, and better observed in all villages and townes and other places then hearetofore they have bene, wherby many robberes, thefts, murders and other offences shall and maye be cutt of and prevented, or at the least the offenders shal by the deligent executon of theis lawes be mett withall and apprehended.

Also that none be suffred to kepe ailehowses withowt especiall licence of the justices of peace, and bound with suerties accordyng to the statuts, for good order and rule to be kepte within suche ailehowses as by lycence ar tollerated, and all other to be secluded and restraned for kepeinge of anye ailehowses; and those that by licenns and bonnds ar suffred to kepe alehowses, that if they offend contrary to the lawes and statutes, that ther lycenses may be taken frome theym and there bonds with the penaltyes be certified and

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streated in the exchequer; or ells informacon and relacon be made therof to the Quenes attornay in the Northe parts, that he may by bill or informacon in her Majesties name proced ageinst suche offenders by order of lawe, and that ye do alwaie forsee that the excessive numbre of alehowses be avoided and none suffred to be kepte in corners and outside of towne.

(*fo.* 100). Also that verie good ordre be taken and straite charge geven to all Mayours, Sheriffs, Bailefs and Constables, and especiallie in all market townes and throughe faire townes, to have good regard to the howses and innes that be used to lodge and receyve strangers and gests; and that the howses and owners of those howses be warned to kepe suche accompts and reckininges of ther gests, whiche they do lodge, as they may be able oppon demaund to yeld accompte of the names of the persones lodged in the howses, the tyme of there beyng ther, and of the intencon of there jorney, from what plaice they came, and wheather they saie they mind to travile or goe.

Also that the lawdable exercise of shootinge in the long bowe, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme, may be ageine revived, used and maintained more ordenarilie, and comonly used then of laite yt hathe bene, whearbye manye idle, unprofitable, ungodlie and unlawfull games may be the lesse set by and avoided, and so the people and subjects better trained and more hable to serve for the defence of ther countrye, and that the Justices theymselves, ther howsehold, servants and tenants, wold be forward and gyve good example for the good and dewe execucon of this so necessarye, wholesome and good a lawe.

Also to have vigilant eye and regard to suche as be harborers and maineteynars of anye prests, skolemaisters or other persone, not yeat confirmed or reformed, or suche as have bene of laite beyond the seas and ar returned and be no favorers of the godlie and cristian religion now established and professed, and that yowe do certifie ther names, qualities and dwellyng plaices, or to whos houses and plaices they doo resorte to have accesse.

Also that albeit theis articles, or the moste part of theym, emongeste others ar comonlie geven in charge at the quarter Sessions, yet becawse they be then soe lightlie regarded and slieghtlie passed over, either by the simplicitie of the jurie, or that yowe the Justices have so little tyme then to remaine togeather, be taken as matter of course and thyng ordinarie; it ys thought convenient, that yowe in your severall devisions should by your wisdomes, and good discrecons nowe by the authoritie of this Commission and theis articles, seke the redresse and reformacon of suche disorders and inconveniances as dailie growe and happen, for lack of execucon of theis formar articles.

Also that if yowe knowe of any other inconvenience, greif or publick disorder, forceable entries, riotts or other oppressions,

amendyng of highe wayes, bridges and cawsies, and for reteynew and gevinge of lyveres and badges or cognisancs, or any other thyng whatsoever apperteynyng to your offices, dewties and callyngs as Justics of Peace, yowe shall do well to geave order for the amendment and repaire therof, and that yowe youreselves do certifye the said Lord President and Counsell therof; and so shall yowe shewe your selves profitable members of the Comon welth and cairefull of the publique weale of your countrye.

fo. 103. **The Queen's Arms to be set upon St. William's Chapel.**

3 July 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the Quenes majesties armes shalbe sett over the chappell doore upon Ouse brigg to give knowledge that her Majesties courts holden before the L. Mayor and Aldermen of this Cittie ar ther kept.

fo. 104. **Smoke from a Chimney**

Judgement in a case between William Fothergill of York, plaintiff, and Robert Shawcock, defendant, concerninge an annoyance by reason of the smoake and unholsome savour ascendinge from the furnesse or beafe pan[1] of the said defendant, through a chymney erected from the defendants howse under the princypall glasse wyndowe of the plaintifs howse, to the great annoyance to the said plaintiff and his famylie. It is ordered by the L. Mayour and Aldermen that the said defendant shall furthwith take down the saide chymney and furnesse or beafe pan to the gronde and shall sette uppe the same agayne in suche other place of his the defendants howse as shalbe named.

fo. 105. **Ouse Banks. Sand from St. George's Close.**

Little house at the Crane.

11 July 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 10 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Ouse banke shalbe banked and jetyed in suche placies as it shall stand most neade, and that my L. Mayour shall cause xxx yeardes thereof to (be) done this yeare accordingly; and that everye Mayour from hensforth shall doe his best indevour between St. Elleines[2] and Michelmas yearly to cause xxx^{tie} yeardes lykewise of the same banke to be banked.

Agreed that ther shalbe no sand from hensforth taken or gotten at St. Georgs close.

[1] A beef boiler.
[2] St. Elleines. St. Helena's day was kept on 21 August.

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Agreed that the Master of the Merchants shall have the lyttle house at the Crane in ferme as tenant at will for xiij^{s} iiij^{d} by yeare.

fo. 106b. **Gate Law and Guide Law.**

8 August 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreed that if any citizens of this Citie or others of this Citie herafter shall take any Gatelawe[1] otherwise called Guydelawe within the liberties or suburbs of this Citie of any persone or persones that than ymediatly upon proof therof they to be disfranchised and to be punysshed at My Lord Mayours discreccon.

fo. 109. **Alleged encroachments. Unseemly words.**

Arrears in payment of poor relief.

29 August 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that certayne encrochments or jettieng of howses at the farr Mynstar gates and in Hosyarlane shalbe viewed forthwith by Mr. Harbert, Mr. Dyneley, Mr. Criplyng and Mr. Robynson, Aldermen; and they to make certificate therof at the next assemble of this hows.

Agreed that an yron grate shalbe made withowte Monkebarre.

And for so moche as William Gibson, yeoman, a freeman of this Citie, hath spoken theis unsemely woords against my L. Mayour and his Brethern and others of the Counsell of this Citie; viz. that they doo sitt here to doo nothyng, but to cutt mens throtes. Agreed that the said Gibson shalbe forthwith commytted to warde there to remayne duryng the pleasur of my L. Mayour and his Bretherne etc.[2]

And wher as Thomas Sowerthwaite, alias Milnar, gentleman, beyng an inhabitant of the parisshe of Bisshophill newar, was latly assessed by dewe order of lawe to pay iij^{d} wekely to the pore, and is behynd for two moneths ended the xth of August instant, amountyng to ij^{s}; and for that the same Thomas refused to pay the same to thands of the collectours there for releif of the pore; therfore a warrant was directed to cause hym to appere before my L. Mayour and other Justics, wherapon the said Thomas nowe personally appered and hath promysed to pay all the said arrerages furthwith.

[1] Gatelawe, otherwise called Guydelawe. Gate-law is a rent paid for a right of way. As regards Guydelaw Richard Rowlands in *A Restitution of Decayed Intelligence in Antiquities*, Antwerp, 1605, p. 137, speaking about York and the Forest of Galtres near to the city, says "there remaines yet a tolle, called *guyd-law*, which is paid for cattel at Bowdumbar, and was first graunted for the payment of guydes that conducted men through the said forest." Rowlands used the name of Verstegen.

[2] At the next Council Gibson was fined 66s. 8d. He is to be kept in prison until the money be paid.

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(*fo.* 109b). Aggreed that certayne ordynances drawne by the clerke forth of the old registres, and other bookes of this Citie and by hym nowe shewed shalbe fare written and sett up in the Sherif Courte.

fo. 110b. **Toll of Bradford and Wakefield.**

3 September 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Where as Mr. Tempest hath sent worde to my L. Mayour that he hath appoynted the Comyssionars for the tolles of Bradefurth and Wakefelde to sytt on the Comyssion to examyne witnesses, on Saturday beyng the xx^th^ of this instant Septembre, to thende that my Lord Mayour might sende the Commysonars whiche are apointed for the Citie. Therefore it is aggreed that Mr. Byrnand, Mr. Moore theldar and Mr. Moore the yonger shalbe requyred to kepe the same day at Wetherby to joyne in examynacon of witnesses accordyng to the said Comyssion; and that warnyng shalbe gyven to the same Commyssionars for the same.

fo. 111b. **Encroachment in Stonegate.**

17 September 20 Elizabeth (1578).

The stall latly buylded by John Harper, taylar, dwelling in Stonegate with brick before his tenement there shalbe forthwith taken downe by the said Harpar, and to sett the same more neare his hows, and inner than the same is by the length of a fote; and like wise that the said stall shalbe made lower than it is nowe by half a fote, and it to be made like in bredeth and height as other neighburs there be, and not otherwise.

fo. 112b. **Order concerning Roman priests.**

21 September, 20 Elizabeth (1578).

To our trustie and welbeloved the Maiour, Recorder, Aldermen and Sheriffs of our Citie of York, Sir Robert Stapleton, Knight, Richard Franckland, John More, sergeant at armes, Edward Turner, Cristofer Maltbie, Andrew Trewe, Robert Brooke, James Birkly, Thomas Jackson, Richard Bell and Thomas Colthurst, and to every of theym.

By the Quene

(*fo.* 113). Trustie and welbeloved we grete yow well; for as moche as we be geven to understand that in dyverse parts of our Citie and County of the same Citie and the liberties therof, there be certen lewde and eivil persons, which do remayne obscurly in secret places, or ells very secretly do go frome place to place disguysed in apparell, either after the maner of servyngmen or of some other arteficers, where as in dede they be massyng or popishe prests, and do under that visor in whispering maner hold and maynteyne sundry of our subjects in supersticon and error; some of thaym

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pretendyng to have aucthoritie from the Pope to reconcile men and women to the churche of Rome, and so to divert there dewe obedience and alledgiance frome us, their undoubted soveraigne; a kynd of people not tollerable, and a maner of practise over long used, and in no wise any more to be suffred. For the metyng with and suppressyng of suche lewde persones and their practises, we do earnestly chardge and commaunde yowe, and by vertewe herof do aucthorise yowe to take order and to appointe suche person and persones as yowe know or thynk to be men most fitt and mete for that purpose; and that yowe and they or some of yowe, with theim or some of theym, do use all good meanes possible for the diligent inquire and fyndyng oute frome tyme to tyme of suche disguysed persones, in what townes, places or howses so ever; and where yowe or they or any of yowe shall fynd any vehement presumption, that any suche person shalbe likely to haunte; our will and commaundment is that yowe cause the constables or some other publick officer with suche other discrete persons as yowe thynk most mete that shall inhabite nerest unto the place so suspected, to make searche in the howse or howses that shalbe so suspected, and use as good discreccon as yowe and they can, to fynde if any suche be there, or by any presumption upon matters liekly that any suche person hath bene there, the whiche may be conjectured most sonest, if there shalbe found there in that place any masse bookes, super altaries, copes, vestments, albes or any suche like thyng belongyng to the masse. And if any offendours in that case shalbe by suche persones founde, our pleasure and commandement is that yowe and they shall cause theym to be apprehended and to be commytted to the Comon Gaole, to saif custodie without bail or mayneprise, untill by order of lawe they shalbe delivered (*fo.* 113b). And of your doyngs and procedyngs herin, together with the names of the personz and the places, with also the names of the owners of suche houses where any suche offendours shall happen to be founde, with suche other circumstances as yow thynke by your discrescions mete to be certified, our pleasure is that yowe doo frome tyme to tyme certifie our right trusty and right welbeloved cosin, thearle of Huntingdone, our President in the North therof or to the Vice-President in his absens,

At York the xix^th^ day of September.

And by hir Counsell.

Letter from the Earl of Huntingdon[1].

Althoughe when lettres of Commyssion be sent from hir Majestie to any persones for any cause whatsoever, it becometh the Comyssioners without any other admonycon carefully and diligentlye of theym selfs, as there duetye doth bynde theym, to do the best that they canne to parforme sincerely the hole contents of hir

[1] This letter is addressed to the same persons as the Commission.

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Majesties commandement in those lettres of commission to thende specified; yet becawse it may perhapps move some to thynke more depely of the matters conteyned in theise lettres nowe sent furth to yow and others, I have thought good to lett yowe understand that the speciall cause therof at this tyme haith proceded upon a letter whiche I have received from my LL. of the Previe Consell, attendyng hir Highnes persone. And therfore I hope yowe will have the better regarde to performe all that is commaunded or required; thoughe in truthe (as before I have said) hir Majesties Commissioners should be and is (sic) alwayes with all good subjects of suche weight as they do ever fear to neglect and disobey the same; and so this matter nowe commanded to be done, it dothe (*fo.* 114) so speciallie towche the glory of God, the suertie of her Majestie in hir royall seate, and the common quiete of this whole state that I am bold to desyer yowe, as hartely as I may, to have a due regarde frome tyme to tyme to the doinge of youre duetyes in this behalf; for surely there can not be a worse people in any common welth then these Romyshe Rounegate Reconcylinge Priests be, who under the pretence of holynes, seke most wickedlie to steale the harts of the simple people frome there God, and there lawfull and undoubted Prynce. Well, I will troble yow no further at this tyme for fewe words to the wise be sufficient. God derect, guyde and kepe yowe all nowe and forever. Frome Yorke the xix^th^ of September 1578.

Your loving frend.

H. Huntyngdon.

Post scriptum. I wolde wishe yowe to whome theis lettre and Commyssion shall first come to sende copies therof to your fellow commissioners. I thynk good also to putt yowe, the commissionars for mustres, in mynd that yowe faile not to gyve ordre that the nombre appointed for shott within your Citie and Aynstie be trained after thaccustomed manner, twoo daies together before or after Mickelmas next.

fo. 114b. **New Sheriffs.**

24 September 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Lawrence Robynson and Edward Vavasour, newly elected Sherriffs of this Citie, toke their oaths of Sheriffs of the said Citie accustomed; except onely the clause not to take any sergeant that hath bene in that office three yeres next before, whiche was referred to their owne discreccons and they to abide the danger of the statute therin; and also fond suerties for the Queenes feefarme to be payed. And so gave the wyne. And the same Sherryffs did take thothe appoynted by Acts of Parliament in the first yere of the Queenes majesties reygne for every temporall judge, justice to receyve.

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fo. 116. **Interludes and plays at York Guildhall.**

22 October 20 Elizabeth (1578).

Agreed that from hensforth that ther shalbe no interludes, playes or other devises for assemblinge of the common people at the Common Hall of this Cittie played, published or put in exercise ther, but onely at suche tyme or tymes as the L. Mayour of this Cittie shalbe present at the same except speciall lycense be granted therin by the full consent of this Court.

fo. 115b. **Non-Citizens and the Franchise.**

24 October 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 3 Aldermen, 12 of the xxiv.

Forsomoche as the xiijth of February[1] in the xth yere of the Queenes majesties reigne it was aggreed; that no maner of forynar or suche as had not bene vij yeres apprentice within this Citie, of what scyens, mesterie, craft or occupacon so ever he were should frome thensforth be admytted or made freeman of this Citie, but he to pay in hand fyve marks at the least to the Citie use for his franches sylvar, or more by discreccon of the L. Mayor for the tyme, and his bretherne Aldermen, except onely suche handy-craftesmen as should be thought by the said L. Mayor and his Counsell, necessarie and profitable for the common weale and amendemente of the said Citie to be somewhat mytigated of their said franches money, as the said Mayor and Aldermen should see cause, as by the same order emong other thyngs may more playnly . . . .(sic). And for somoche as it is nowe thought the said somme of fyve marks for franchising of forynars is to litle; therfore it is nowe condescended, aggreed and concluded by the Lord Mayour Aldermen, Shireffs and Consell; that no maner of forynar or suche as hath not bene vij yeres apprentice within this Citie shall frome hensforth be admytted or made freemen of this Citie, but he to pay in hand vj^{li} or more by discrecon of the Lord Mayor etc.

(*fo.* 116). Also it is aggreed that John Uckerbie, laborer, shall have open punnyshement to morowe in the open markett by the space of twoo howres for the resettyng[2] of the goods of George Aslabye of this Citie, merchant, and conveyng of the same. The said Uckerby shall stand in the open markett upon the Payvement tomorowe from tenne of the clock unto xij of the clock of the same day, and there to have a paper pynned on his capp on his head, and that there shalbe fayre written on the said paper the woords; This punnysshment is for conveyeng and recettyng of other mens goods.

1 See *York Civic Records*, vol. VI, p. 133.
2 Reset: criminal practice of receiving and harbouring.

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fo. 116b. **Brewers and Innkeepers.**

31 October 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

Agreed that everye brewer within this Cittie and suburbs shall paye to the use of the Common Chamber of this Cittie for everye quarter of malte that everye of them shall brewe, a pennie; and the same to be payed quarterlie, and the officer of everye warde to collecte the same within ther severall wardes. And they like wise quarterlie to accompt for the recepts therof to thands of the Chamberlaynes for the tyme being.

Also agreed that all manner of persones that shall take uppe anie kynde of corne or grayne at the Common Chambre Staythe of this Cittie, be they fre or be they foreyn, shall pay for everye quarter of the same corne or grayne taken uppe or carried from or by the said Stayth for and towards the repayring, skowring and mayneteyninge of the same Stayth and the ryver of Ouse, a pennie.

And now it is aggreed that everye inholder allowed, and to be allowed, within this Cittie and suburbs shall pay for everye of ther admittance into the same fellowship to thands of ther searchers to thuse of ther companie iij^{s} iiij^{d} accordinge to the Statute.

(*fo.* 117). Also it is further ordered that everie brewer and tipler that doe receyve anie guests horses during the market tyme, or other wise in the day tyme receyving commoditie by the same, shall pay iiij^{d} to the charges of the said fellowshippe.

Moreover it is aggreed that ther shall not from hensforth anie manner of person or persones occupye as an inholder or receyve guests for ther gayne and proffitt except everye suche person can make or furnisshe vj comelie and decent honest bedds upon payne of xx^{s}.

fo. 118. **Precautions against the Plague.**

Thanksgiving service in the Minster.

5 November 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the packs brought from London by the cariar and stayed, supposed to be the pack of Thomas Smythson and Bryan Jackson, shalbe delyvered unto theym; and that warnyng be gyven to the serchars of all occupacons that useth the trade to London to buye any marchandises, clothe or any other wares in or at London, that no citizen of this Citie that useth by any meanes the said trade of buying and sellyng shall not, duryng the tyme of the greate plage in London, buye any the wares aforesaid in London, and bryng to this Citie, or cause to be brought any wares, marchandises or clothes duryng the said tyme of the said sikencs; and that warnyng be gyven to all the cariers of this Citie that they, nor

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none of theym, shall bryng or cary any the wares or marchandises aforesaid.

Also it is agreed that my L. Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and the Prevay Counsell of this Citie commonly called the xxiv, shall every one of theym goo to the Mynstar to the sermon on Sonday, beyng the xvi^th^ day of this instant Novembre, decently apparailed, that is to say, my L. Mayour and Aldermen in their skarlett gownes, and the Sheryffs and xxiiij in crymysyn, in lawde and praise of God for the prosperouse estate of our noble and most gracyouse soveraigne lady Queene Elizabeth; and that hir Majestie may long lyve and reigne over us; upon payne of suche fyne or punnyshment as my L. Mayour shall thynke good; and that warnyng be gyven unto every one accordyngly.

fo. 119. **Examination by Surgeons ordered.**

7 November 20 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that forsomoche as it is nowe alledged by the serchars of the bakers, that Cristofer Hemesley, who was a bakers sonne, is visited with the frenche pox, or suche a disease as he is not mete to exercise their occupacon nor to come emong men; therfore it is nowe aggreed that Mr. Maskew, Alderman, callyng to hym — —[1] Mansfeld, Francys Devall and John Leache, surgians shall before wedynsday next vices and searche the said Hemesley, whether he have the said disease or any other disease; that he is not mete to come emongs men; and they to make reporte therof on Wedynsday next in this place[2].

fo. 120. **Brewers and Tipplers.**

12 November 20 Elizabeth (1578).

Aggreed that no brewer or tiplar nor any inholder that tipleth in their howses, or sell forth of there said howses any ale or beer by penyworthes or greater measures shall after the feast day of St. Andrewe thapostle next comyng, kepe any alehows or tiplynghowse nor brewe to sell, excepte onely such person or persones as shalbe before the same feast day allowed by my L. Mayour and Aldermen.

(*fo.* 122). 26 November 21 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that no brewers or typlers shall from hensforth be allowed to sell or brewe ale, but onelie in this oppen Courte by the L. Mayour, Aldermen and xxiiij of the Previe Counsell.

It was agreed by the L. Mayour, Aldermen and Counsell of this Cittie that all suche personnes as utterlie refuse to come to

[1] Blank.

[2] On 12 November the surgeons report that Hemesly has not got this, or any other infectious disease.

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the churche shall not be allowed as inholders, brewars or tiplers nor to have anie comoditie.

And nowe it is also agreed that none of the Aldermen, Sheriffs or xxiiij shall come at anie weddings of any person or persons when anie brydebedds[1] shalbe maid upon payn, every one offending in the same, to forfayt for every offence fortie shillings; and that none of the cooks of this Cittie shall dresse anie wilde fowles at anie such weddings, upon payn to forfayt for every such offenc xl^{s}.

fo. 123. **Minstrels' Ordinances.**

28 November 21 Elizabeth.

Agreed that the ordynall of the musycions commonlie called the minstrelles was now reformed, augmented and published.

fo. 123b. **Drinking in Service time.**

Dispute about riding with the Sheriff.

1 December 21 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 15 of the xxiv.

Agreed that John Standeven, vyntener, for suffringe persons to drinke wyne in his howse in the sermon tyme on the holie day shalbe disfraunchised according to the order therof laytelie made, and that he shall lay downe xl^{s} for his fyne; yet opon hopes of his good amendement, it is aggreed that ther shalbe remitted xxxv^{s} of his said fyne; and so he to be restored to his fredome agayn.

And nowe for as moche as ther is some controversie now dependyng betwene James Birkebye, gent, of thone partie, and Laurenc Robinson and Edward Vavasour, gent, of thother partie, for and concernyng the rydinge with the saide Sheriffs, and reading of the proclamacon, as hathe bene accustomed by the predecessours of the saide Shereffs; and for that yt hath bene credibly informed to this Courte that the Recorder, heretofore in tyme past, hath rydden betwene the Sheriffs, yt is nowe ordered that Mr. Byrnand, now Recorder, shall ryde between the said Sheriffs tomorow in ther rydinge of the said Cittie, and the rather for the better conservacon of the Quenes majesties peace in breache wherof dyverse presumptions hath bene enformed, and partlye apparant in this Courte betwene the said parties. And wheras also yt stands in question betwene the said parties whether to the said James Birkbie or to the said William Vavasour the readinge of the proclamacon apperteynith, yt is therfore further ordered that neyther the said James Birkebie or yet the William Vavasour, clamynge both the title of readinge the same, shall not take upon them the readinge or publishinge therof, neither ride in the companie of the said Sheriffs or suche as shall assocyate them the said day as in the sayd

[1] The ancient custom of blessing the bridal-bed in later times degenerated into unseemly scenes.

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rydinge, but that Edmond Fale, as a personne indifferent, shall reade the said proclamacon at the ryding for this tyme onelie, as the Sheriffs clerke hath heretofore bene accustomed; provided alwaies that the advice of the Recorder and the reading of the proclamacion by Edmund Fale shall not in anie wise bee prejudyciall to the titles of eyther of the said parties or to the disseasen of eyther of them in the lawfull possession therof anie thing in this order conteyned to the contrary notwithstandeing.

fo. 125b. **Bolts, manacles and collars for Prisoners.**

10 December 21 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreed that vj pare of bolts, twoe pare of manacles and twoe colors shalbe made forthwith of certayne olde yron now lyeng upon the bridge, and the same to be made and provided for the due correccon of persons in the Sheriffs Kidcotes, and to remayne in the custodie of the same Sheriffs and to be delyvered over from Sheriffs to Sheriffs by indenture for ever.

fo. 126b. **Fines for absence from Church. Butchers' Ordinance.**

17 December 21 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, Sheriff, 16 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that all the arrerages of fynes for absentars frome the churche on sondayes and holydays shalbe demanded and receyved forthwith; and that the churchewardens or constables where such offendars are and the parties therto shalbe called forthwith before the Lord Mayour and Aldermen to make payment therof, to thentent that all the said fynes may be distributed to the poor at discreccon of my Lord Mayour and Aldermen before Christmas next.

Also it is aggreed that accordyng to an article in the bochers ordynarie all the free bochers, their jornamen, servants and apprentics shall kepe their markett and sell all there flesshe provided for sale within their owne shoppes, and in no other place within this Citie or suburbs, without carrieng their said flesshe or any part therof to Thursday markett or any other place previligid within this Citie apon payne — contayned in the said ordynarie.

fo. 128. **Privilege of franchise retained.**

19 December 21 Elizabeth (1578). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Where Francys Jake, merchant, beyng a freeman of this Citie, and nowe dwellyng in the contrye, hath promysed to delyver yerely twoo busshells of oates to the swepers of the markett, and also to pay as an inhabitant of St. Michael paroche at Ousebrig ende iiij^{d} monethly, towards releif of the pore of this Citie, so that he may be

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acquitted of tolle and to be used as a freeman of this Citie; wherapon it is nowe aggreed that apon the said consideracon he shalbe discharged of tolle; so that the said Frauncys beare all chardges within this Citie, excepte onely the taxe; and in so doyng he to be taken and used as a free Citizen of this Citie, untill further order be taken.

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